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## Iran allows foreign arrest of Americans

**NICOSIA, Oct. 31. (Agencies):** Iran's parliament approved a bill today permitting the arrest in other countries of US citizens convicted by Iranian courts, the Iranian news agency Irna reported.

The draft bill responded to a US decision "authorising the arrest and kidnapping of those found guilty by the US judiciary, with any nationality anywhere in the world without the permission of the relevant country," Irna said.

It said the bill, "countering US terrorist moves," would apply to all countries which allowed such rights to the United States.

US officials said this month the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been authorised to seize people wanted by the United States from foreign countries without clearance from authorities in the country concerned.

"The deputies stressed that the US move was a flagrant violation of international law and the sovereignty of world countries," said Irna, received in Nicosia.

"The draft bill aims at preserving the prestige and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic, safeguarding the lives and properties of Iranian nationals abroad and defending the interests of the Islamic Republic."

The agency added that the bill, if it became law, would authorise the president "to take necessary measures when needed for the arrest and punishment of Americans convicted by the Iranian judiciary."

The draft bill must be approved by the Council of Guardians, a 12-member panel of religious and legal experts who decide constitutional questions, before it becomes law.

President George Bush yesterday extended a state of emergency with Iran stemming from the 1979 seizure of the US embassy in Tehran and the holding of US hostages.

## Ozal wins

**ANKARA, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** Prime Minister Turgut Ozal was elected President of Turkey in a parliamentary vote today boycotted by opposition parties.

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## GCC meets

### Accord on hold

A POLICE security pact, to permit GCC police forces to trail fugitives across each other's borders has been blocked by Kuwait during the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council meeting held on Tuesday to discuss co-operation in combatting terrorism which has been accorded top priority on the ministers' agenda.

The interior ministers have made progress in various domains of security co-operation, and are also preparing to issue a common passport for the nationals of the six states.

GCC leaders are to hold their annual summit in December in Oman, and interior and other ministries are holding advance meetings to review co-operation in their respective fields.

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## Abu Nidal killed 156

**TUNIS, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** Two dissidents accused radical Palestinian leader Abu Nidal of having killed 156 followers in Libya over the past year and their bodies set in concrete.

The accusation, which said Abu Nidal had complete freedom of movement in Libya, was made in two separate statements received yesterday by an international news agency in Tunis.

The statements were signed by Abdul Rahman Issa and Atef Abu Bakr, both former members of the Fatah Revolutionary Council's (FRC) central committee and politburo, led by Abu Nidal.

He said that over the past year "156 militants have been executed by Abu Nidal in the group's headquarters and its annexes in Libya because they opposed Abu Nidal's methods."

The two dissidents said the FRC's military camp was on a farm in the Asswan area.

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Amman: 28°C 82°F

Falaka: 29°C 84°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 17°C 63°F

Amman: 15°C 59°F

Falaka: 20°C 68°F

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 33°C 91°F

Amman: 28°C 82°F

Falaka: 20°C 68°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 22 per cent

Amman: 38 per cent

Falaka: 65 per cent

## Palestinian dies in suicide attack

PFLP claims marine action

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** A Palestinian in a fishing vessel has launched the first known suicide attack at sea on an Israeli gunship patrolling off the Lebanese coast.

Israeli officials said the Palestinian blew himself up in last night's attack. They reported one crewman aboard the Dvora class gunship was wounded by flying wreckage and two scratched.

The radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) in Beirut claimed responsibility for the attack.

Explosives-loaded cars, trucks and donkeys have been used in previous suicide attacks against Israeli targets but Israeli sources said it was the first such operation at sea.

The incident took place at nightfall off the Lebanese border town of Naqoura.



The PFLP commando who was killed in the attack. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bhutto confident 'Already over'

**MURREE, Pakistan, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** Pakistani opposition leaders cried foul today over government tactics to defeat a no-confidence vote aimed at toppling Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, but she looked set to survive the challenge.

Opposition leader Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi accused the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of holding its opponents against their will and spending huge amounts of public money to secure victory in tomorrow's vote.

In a letter to President Ghulam Ishaq Khan he said the tactics were a flagrant and dangerous violation of the constitution.

"These violations are against all democratic norms and ethics and, added together, amount to foul play and malpractice," the letter said.

Speaking to reporters in Murree, a hill resort near Islamabad, he appealed to the President to ensure all members of the National Assembly could vote freely.

"There is no doubt about our majority in the House and we never had any doubt about it," Benazir told reporters after a cabinet meeting yesterday.

She is widely expected to reshuffle her cabinet if she wins the vote.

The army will be deployed in the capital tomorrow to prevent any disturbances, and units were already patrolling parts of Karachi and Hyderabad under curfew on the eve of the vote.

Police said a curfew was reimposed in the Model Colony and Malir districts.

tricts barely 17 hours after it was lifted after shooting between supporters and opponents of a no-confidence motion.

"I think it is all over. I think the opposition seem to be searching for a new strategy," respected Pakistani commentator Mushahid Hussain said.

The opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) is keeping its assembly members in Murree, while PPP supporters were taken to the remote Swat region in northern Pakistan.

Benazir is publicly confident the IDA and its allies will fall short of the 119 assembly votes they need to topple her 11-month-old government.

But IDA strongman Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab province, said: "If they (the government) bring all the members of the assembly tomorrow, there is no question of the motion being defeated."

Western diplomats and analysts said opinion had shifted in favour of Benazir and the PPP in recent days.

A Western diplomat who closely watches the political scene, said: "I am increasingly confident that the PPP is going to win. The opposition is looking increasingly desperate."

Jatoi and Sharif said they would fight on if they failed tomorrow as there was no constitutional ban on calling more no-confidence motions whenever they liked.

Former prime minister Mohammad Khan Junejo warned the no-confidence motion is "just the beginning," saying, "the fight is on."

## Helen Suzman makes 'Dame'

**LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP):** Former South African lawmaker Helen Suzman was made an honorary dame today by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of her lengthy campaign against apartheid.

Mrs Suzman said following a ceremony at Buckingham Palace that the Queen told her she was "delighted" to make the award.

Mrs Suzman, 71, who retired as a lawmaker this year, said she, too, was "delighted and honoured by the award. It was very unexpected."

## Israel queried over SA link

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (AP):** A government official confirmed today that Washington has questioned Israel several times about the Jewish state's reported transfer of missile technology to South Africa.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office denied Israel had conveyed any such technology to South Africa, despite allegations to the contrary by a US official in Washington.

The charges of Israel and South Africa sharing missile technology emerged in the aftermath of an NBC-TV report last week of co-operation between the two countries, specifically on developing nuclear missiles.

American officials later confirmed that Israel and South Africa were partners in several programmes to develop ballistic missiles, including an intermediate-range missile and one with nuclear potential.

Israeli leaders have strongly denied violating American regulations by maintaining atomic links with South Africa or providing Pretoria with American or US-funded military technology.

At stake for Israel is \$1.8 billion in annual military assistance from Washington, which could be jeopardised if Israel was found to be violating American rules governing weapons proliferation.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin reflected Israel's fears about potential American economic sanctions in a strong statement on Israel television last night.

"Any attempt to link Israel to South Africa in something that relates to nuclear issues is essentially false and has no basis and no truth whatsoever," Rabin said. "Therefore, there is no reason for those leaders in the Congress and elements in the administration to change their approach to Israel on the issue of military aid."

Israel's statements have stopped short of denying any military connections with South Africa's minority white regime. Israel has a close and longstanding ties to South Africa.

The Bush administration voiced opposition yesterday to proposed sanctions on countries that are helping spread ballistic missile technology around the world, saying it can accomplish more through diplomacy.

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The newspapers carried facsimile copies of handwritten entries in Ardbo's diary which said Robert A. Wilson, a director of a company called A.E. Services met on July 2, 1987, in Geneva with a lawyer for "Gandhi Trust."

"The prime minister is not associated with nor aware of any trust known as the Gandhi Trust, nor has he at any time applied any lawyer or representative to meet on his behalf or on behalf of any trust any representative of any company allegedly concerned with the Bofors issue," the spokesman said.

The Ardbo diary did not name the attorney, but A.E. Services has been identified as the recipient of illegal commissions worth three per cent of the \$1.3 billion Bofors earned by selling 400 self-propelled 155mm Howitzers in 1986 to India — the nation's largest single defence purchase.



## Top gun hits wrong ship

A US warplane accidentally dropped a 500-pound (230 kg) bomb on Monday on the deck of an American cruiser in the Indian ocean, injuring five people, the navy said.

The bomb smashed a five-foot (1.5 metre) hole in the USS Reeves's main deck and sparked a small fire that was quickly put out, said a spokesman in Washington.

The navy gave no immediate indication of the cause of the accident, but a statement said the aircraft "inadvertently" dropped the bomb "while in close proximity to the ship." Picture shows a fire photo of the Reeves. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## 40 massacred 'Rajiv linked to kickbacks'

By Sonny Abraham Arab Times correspondent

**NEW DELHI, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** Leading newspapers today published documents they said linked Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi with a firm that received millions of dollars in alleged kickbacks from Swedish arms giant A.B. Bofors to secure a major sale to India.

The revelations based on the diary of former Bofors managing director Martin Ardbo are expected to be exploited by the opposition in its campaign to oust Rajiv in Nov 22-26 parliamentary polls.

The reports came as officials in India's eastern state of Bihar promised to investigate a massacre of Muslim villagers amid ongoing Hindu-Muslim violence that politicians say is an attempt to stir up communal tensions before the elections.

Forty people were massacred at a refugee camp, Bihar officials said today.

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## 'Heart of stone' Aquino rapped

**PANIQUEL, Philippines, Oct. 31. (Agencies):** Supporters of the late Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos denounced President Corazon Aquino today as a woman with "a heart of stone" for barring him burial in his homeland.

About 4,000 protesters marched into Tarlac, Aquino's home province and stormed past an army blockade to hold a rally in the hometown of a branch of her family.

"Let us show that she has a heart of stone, a woman without feelings... It is time she allow the return of the body of Ferdinand Marcos," a taped message boomed out through a loud-speaker.

The 500-km (300-mile) march began on Oct 24 from Marcos' hometown Batang in the northern Philippines. It is to end in Manila on Friday, the eve of Aquino's departure for Canada and the United States.

The marchers swelled to 15,000 as they left PaniqueL for Manila 125 km (75 miles) away.

March organisers today dismissed fears by officials that Marcos loyalists might stir up trouble during Aquino's absence. They said they had no intention of provoking violence.

Marcos died on Sept 28 in Honolulu, where he and his family fled after he was deposed in 1986.

His supporters organised the march to press Aquino into reversing her decision barring a funeral for him in the Philippines and the return of his family.

PaniqueL is the hometown of Aquino's cousin, Eduardo Cojuangco, a close business associate of Marcos and head of a rival branch of the family.

Cojuangco fled the country with Marcos and the Aquino government has also barred his return.

Aquino said today security precautions have been taken to prevent expected attacks by communist rebels on government and US officials in the Philippines while she is away.

**200 feared dead in boat disaster**

**LAGOS, Oct. 31. (Reuters):** Two hundred people were feared drowned when a boat carrying passengers and cargo split in two and sank off the coast at the weekend Nigerian newspapers reported today.

A survivor quoted in the newspapers Punch and Concord said the accident occurred on Saturday night as the vessel was on its way to Uperokang in Cameroon from Isiet Uruan at the mouth of the Cross river in the extreme southeast of Nigeria.

There were three known survivors and Punch said 87 bodies had been found. The search was continuing.

## Reagan approved plea bargain offered to Marcoses

**NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (Agencies):** The then president Reagan personally approved a plea bargain for deposed Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos and his wife two days before they were indicted on racketeering charges, but the couple rejected the deal, court papers have shown.

Marcos died Sept 28 after a long illness. His wife, Imelda, living in exile in Honolulu, is scheduled to go on trial March 14 on charges the couple stole more than \$100 million from the Philippine.

In court papers filed in US district court in Manhattan, Marcos attorney Richard Hibel told of Reagan's attempts to strike a deal with the couple before the indictment came down.

In an affidavit, Hibel said he attended a Justice Department meeting in Washington Oct 18, 1988, with Attorney-General Richard Thornburgh and others, to discuss the pending indictment.

"The attorney-general started the meeting by advising us that the president was aware that the meeting was taking place, and what would be conveyed to us during the conference had the president's full knowledge and approval, the affidavit said.

He said US attorney Rudolph Giuliani was at the meeting and "described a non-negotiable" proposal for a plea agreement. He also said the government gave the lawyers a deadline, Oct 20, 1988, to accept the deal, but they refused it.



## March for Marcos' burial

Followers of former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos march into Talac, home province of Corazon Aquino yesterday, during a week-long march which started from the home province of Marcos and is to end in Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Manila warned over Taiwan

More than 5,000 people have died this year in unrelenting violence spawned by the drive by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — or People's Liberation Front — whose aim is to rule the island republic as a leftist authoritarian regime.

President Corazon Aquino, who has defended the right of government officials to make 'private visits' to Taiwan, said relations between China and the Philippines "continue to be friendly and normal as ever."



Picture shows Papandreaou accompanied by his wife Dimitra Liani waves to onlookers as they arrive in Athens before elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Leader target

It did not mention whether such devices had been used by any other people in Greece.

DC-10 blast. store attack linked

earlier this month. "We have reviewed the evidence in the light of a further statement from Mrs Osbourne, who has decided that she is not keen to support proceedings and expressed a wish to be reconciled with her husband," a crown prosecution service spokesman said.

Figaro said police had drawn parallel with the 1985 attack on Paris' Marks and Spencer store by a Tunisian using a suitcase with a false bottom. One person was killed.

## Devil's night fires

Halloween is celebrated in the United States on Oct. 31, the night before All Saint's Day, with masquerading and "trick or treating," where children dress in costumes and go door-to-door in search of candy.

## Tuna scare in UK

**"Skipjack" label.**  
The British Department of Health has warned environment health officers all over Britain to watch out for tins from the suspect batch.

## Face transplants

Plastic surgeon, Roy Sanders, who is leading the team, said the procedure will be explained at today's launch in London of a new charity which aims to raise £7 million for studies at the Mount Vernon plastic surgery research unit in London.

## Rome elections

The discovery of the error dropped the Christian Democrats' vote share from 33 per cent to 31.9 per cent.

## Life imprisonment

GENEVA, Oct 31, (Kuna): The Swiss courts yesterday sentenced 30-year-old Michel Peiry, the "most atrocious criminal post war Switzerland has seen," to life imprisonment.

Nicknamed "The Sadist of Romont," Peiry was convicted for killing seven children after sexual assault, and numerous other sadistic crimes.



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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**BOSTON, Massachusetts:** Jamie Fiske, whose 1982 liver transplant surgery helped shape the nation's organ transplant policy, has returned home in time for Halloween, her favourite holiday, after recovering from surgery to remove her spleen.

The 7-year-old from east Bridgewater was accompanied by her mother, Marilyn, on Saturday's flight from Minneapolis, where she had surgery at the University of Minnesota hospital. Jamie was admitted to the hospital on Oct 5 after suffering internal bleeding.

"In going out there, the main question Jamie had had nothing to do with the operation. It had to do with Halloween," said her father Charles Fiske. "He said Jamie had been hoping to go out trick-or-treating Tuesday as the queen of hearts." (AP)

**TOKYO:** A search for the world's greatest amateur rock band ended on a winning note Sunday for a US group called Lape Facts, which beat thousands of other would-be rock stars and walked away with a \$20,000 prize.

The five-member group from Minneapolis, Minnesota, took top honours at the third annual Band Explosion '89 after playing its reggae-flavoured original song "Giddy" for a panel of judges that included pop idol Jon Bon Jovi.

The five-member band, which included a 16-year-old girl, had been competing for the prize since the song was first recorded in 1987. The group, which also includes a 16-year-old girl, had been competing for the prize since the song was first recorded in 1987.

A special judges' award of \$1,000 each went to the Dutch band Wag-A-Gig and the Japanese band Drug Store.

Twenty-three bands were chosen from among 22,000 entrants from 20 countries to compete in the finals before the capacity crowd of 10,000 at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan.

The contest's sponsors included Yamaha Corporation, Nestle K.K. and Yamaha Music Foundation. (AP)

**FREDAPPIO, Italy:** The granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini has gotten married on the 67th anniversary of the fascist March on Rome that resulted in Mussolini gaining power.

Alessandra Mussolini, 27, an actress and medical student, wed a captain in the Italian coast guard, 28-year-old Mauro Fiorani. About 200 people packed a church in the northern town of Predappio, Mussolini's hometown, for Saturday's ceremony. Some of them hoped to see actress Sophia Loren, sister of the bride's mother Maria Scelone, but she did not appear.

Miss Mussolini, familiar to Italians from her television

appearances and magazine modelling, told reporters it was just a coincidence that the wedding was on the anniversary of the "March on Rome." Several men in the church wore black shirts, the symbol of Mussolini's fascist party, now outlawed.

She said that if she has a son he will be named Benito.

The reverend Pellegrino Santucci recalled Mussolini's accomplishment in his sermon, saying "all Italians and all the clergy were enthusiastic about them." The news agency Ansa reported. (AP)

**BRISBANE, Australia:** An Australian who claims to be the world's greatest "get-it-for-free" person is back in jail after he was convicted for the 102nd time of not paying for a meal.

Paul Charles Dezza, a 49-year-old unemployed chef, was sentenced to six months in jail Friday after refusing to pay a \$78 dinner bill at a Brisbane restaurant.

Dezza stripped to his underwear in the restaurant and offered his clothes as payment. Management refused and called the police.

Dezza had been freed from jail Tuesday after serving a sentence for a similar offence.

He said in a television interview that he hoped to gain a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for not paying for meals.

"Restaurants should be privileged I eat in them. Look at all the publicity they get," he said.

However, magistrate Peter Mitchell dubbed him a "habitual criminal" and ordered him jailed. (AP)

**SEATTLE, Washington:** Women who exercise are at far less risk of heart attacks or related problems, experts said here.

Dr Barbara DeLakwater of Seattle's Pacific Medical Centre, told a weekend meeting of fellow women doctors, "an average woman in her 50s who exercises is about equal in heart and lung function as a sedentary woman" in her 30s or even 20s.

Dr DeLakwater said exercise did not of itself cure disease, but lowers the risk for overweight, high blood pressure and diabetes. All the conditions boost the odds for a heart attack — the number one killer of American women.

After studying 90 women aged 20-70 for a six-year period, Dr DeLakwater concluded females should not do at least 30 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week. (Kuna)

**NEW YORK:** A private collector on Monday bought a 1.4-inch-long (3.5-centimetre-long) wristwatch for \$539,000, the highest price ever paid for a watch at auction in the United States, according to Sotheby's.

"It was the most complicated

watch of its size ever to be made," said Darya Schallinger, a watch expert for the auction house.

It was made by Swiss craftsman and took three years to complete. The watch designed and commissioned in 1927 by James Schatz, who worked for Tiffany's before opening his own business and who also designed watches for Cartier.

In addition to a standard dial that tells time, the watch face has four small dials. One indicates the month, one gives the day of the week, one registers the date and has a second hand, and another gives the phases of the moon. (AP)

**ALLIANCE, Neb.:** The eternal question of what is art has found an object of discussion in this isolated outpost in western Nebraska where a geologist looking for something to do has erected a replica of England's Stonehenge — out of 22 old cars.

"It's unusual, it's unique, some people think it's terribly ugly and that it's junk. But it's definitely a tourist attraction," said "Carbenge" advocate Janet Steele, director of Alliance's Chamber of Commerce.

The town council will decide this week whether the collection of Chevies, Plymouths and Cadillacs painted gray and embedded in farmland two miles north of the town along Highway 385 should stay or be towed away. (Reuter)

**NANCY, France:** Police said on Monday they were trying to determine how a Norwegian man who is deaf, mute and apparently suffering from amnesia, managed to find his way to a police station in Nancy.

Police said the man, who appears to be about 35 years old, came into the police station last week but was unable to make himself understood when he wrote down a few words of a foreign language.

Doctors, who examined the man at a nearby treatment centre, determined that he was Norwegian and that he had lost his memory suddenly in 1973 during an explosion at a munitions factory in his homeland. (UPI)

**BARTOW, Florida:** A teenager driving a stolen concrete mixer led police on a chase through right town that ended when an officer blew out tyres with a shotgun, police said.

No one was injured in the 50-mile (80-kilometre) chase, but the truck crushed a Haines city police car and a state vehicle. The truck was stolen from Ewell Industries in Auburndale, police said.

Richard Becker Branch, 18, of Davenport, was charged with burglary, grand theft and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer. He was taken to jail. (AP)

## Ruling crucial

## Embryos at stake

**MELBOURNE, Oct 31 (UPI):** A man's bid to stop his wife becoming pregnant has created a race against time to prevent their frozen embryos from dying, a Melbourne court was told yesterday.

The claim was made at the opening of Australia's first legal battle between the estranged wife and husband over the fate of their frozen in vitro fertilization (IVF) embryos.

The woman's lawyer has asked that the case be heard as a matter of urgency.

He said he would submit scientific evidence that frozen embryos are effectively dead after two years and court delays could jeopardise the embryo's survival.

Seven embryos of the couple are being held at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital. The husband has threatened the hospital with legal action if it goes ahead and implants the embryos.

The dispute involves an unnamed couple who were part of the hospital's in vitro pregnancy programme until they separated in March.

The family court heard yesterday that the wife, a 24-year-old supermarket cashier, still wanted to be implanted with the embryos, but the 24-year-old husband has issued a legal challenge to prevent such action.

The wife's lawyer, Michael Watt, said that ova taken from the woman were fertilised by the husband's semen early last year, when the couple joined the IVF programme.

Watt told justice Smithers that the case was a potential life and death situation for the embryos, involving issues of law, ethics and science.

"This case brings the law and the frontiers of science into clear interface," Watt said.

He said a judge in the American state of Tennessee recently had ruled in a similar case that frozen embryos could not be successfully implanted after two years.

He said depending on what position the husband took, the case could be a question of life or death for the embryos, involving ethical questions on when life begins.



Stripes and sequins

Model for Bill Blass at the 1990 spring/summer fashion show in New York on Oct 30. Model is wearing striped cotton top with sequins pants. (Reuter wirephoto)

## US flag burnt in defiance of statute

**WASHINGTON Oct 31 (AP):** Four people shouting "burn, baby, burn" set fire yesterday to three US flags on the steps of the US Capitol in an attempt to force a court test on the constitutionality of a new law banning flag desecration.

"We, defy your law," said spokeswoman Nancy Kent.

"We challenge you. Arrest us. Test your statute. Take it back to the supreme court and try once again to claim it is all consistent with your constitutional standards of free speech."

One of those arrested was Gregory "Joey" Johnson, whose 1984 arrest for burning the flag at the Republican National Convention in Dallas set in motion the court case that led to the new law.

Another was Scott Tyler, 24, who stirred controversy in Chicago earlier this year by placing a flag on the floor as part of a student exhibit at the school of the art institute.

Capitol police charged Johnson, 33, of Richmond, Indiana, Tyler and two others with violating the Flag Protection Act of 1989, demonstrating without a permit and disorderly conduct, said police spokesman Dan Nichols.

The other two were identified as Shawn Eichner, 24, Of New York City, and David Balock, 39, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The demonstration came two days after members of a radical Vietnam veterans' group in Seattle, Washington, burned a full-size US flag and 1000 paper flags to protest the law.

President George Bush, who favours a constitutional amendment to protect the flag, allowed the measure to become law without his signature. It went into effect Saturday.

It provides punishment of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for anyone who "knowingly mutilates, defaces, physically defiles, burns, maintains on the floor or ground, or tramples upon any flag of the United States."

## Amateur astronomer discovers asteroids

**LONDON, Oct 31 (AP):** An amateur astronomer using a homemade telescope said yesterday he has discovered three new minor planets, or asteroids, and the editor of the Astronomer magazine said he's the first Briton to make such a find in 80 years.

Brian Manning said he spotted the asteroids between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars using a 10-inch (25-centimetre) reflector telescope set up in his back yard in Kidderminster, 95 miles (150 kilometres) northwest of London.

Editor Guy Hurst, who keeps track of all European astronomical discoveries, said Manning's sightings were run through the International

Astronomical Union computer in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and found to be previously unknown.

"To go for 80 years with no discovery, it is very important for British astronomy," Hurst told the Associated Press. "Manning's work, although he was an amateur, is rated as high as professional."

Manning, 63, said in an interview that astronomy has been his hobby since he was a boy.

"I'm delighted and did not expect it really," he said. "You always hope you might find something... but it's a surprise since the chance of discovery is rather remote."

Manning's discovery was his first attempt to identify an asteroid, and was sparked by the September issue of Astronomer which challenged British amateurs to find an asteroid, Hurst said.

Manning, who is a retired technician from Birmingham University's department of metrology, the science of accurate measurements, said he made a 20-minute photographic exposure of the sky Oct 4.

But he didn't discover the asteroids until Oct 5 when he developed the telescopic image and scanned it with a binocular microscope.

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First attempt

THE pilot of a training jet that crashed into the USS Lexington, killing him and four others, was making his first attempt to land on an aircraft carrier, the ship's captain said today.

The two-seat T-2 Buckeye, based at the Meridian, Mississippi, naval air station, slammed into the carrier's lower and curved deck in flames into the flight deck Sunday afternoon during a practice flight about 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of here in the Gulf of Mexico.

The accident took place just six days before the



anniversary of a 1945 attack by a Japanese Kamikaze pilot. The 46-year-old Lexington is the oldest aircraft carrier in the US fleet.

As the World War II-vintage carrier returned to its dock yesterday morning, several sailors' wives burst into tears and waved wildly as they spotted their husbands on the deck—the first confirmation that their loved ones were safe.

Names of the dead were not released pending notification of next of kin. One was a civilian worker, Logan said. In addition to the five dead, 17 were

injured, one critically.

Logan said landing officers told the pilot, who was alone in the plane, to add power and wave him off but for some reason he was unable to comply. The man was a qualified pilot, Logan said, but was only beginning to learn the difficult skill of landing on a carrier.

Picture left shows a tearful member of Lexington crew, with one leg in a cast, being helped from the carrier. Picture right: Investigators look over the wreckage. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Pilot's mistake US cruiser bombed

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP)—A US warplane accidentally dropped a 500-pound (227-kilogram) bomb on the navy guided-missile cruiser USS Reeves during manoeuvres in the Indian Ocean, slightly injuring five sailors and leaving a five-foot (1.5 metre) hole in the ship's main deck, the navy said.

The bomb, which detonated upon impact yesterday, set off a small fire that was quickly extinguished, said Lt Bruce Cole, a navy spokesman at the Defence Department. The incident occurred at 9:06 pm local time.

Standard Time charts gave that as the equivalent of 11:06 am EST (1606 GMT), but the navy gave the Eastern Time equivalent as 7:06 am (1206 GMT). There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

The five sailors received minor injuries that did not require outside medical assistance, Cole said.

The cruiser was located about 32 miles (51 kilometres) from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Although the bomb left a five-foot (1.5 metre) hole in the deck near the bow, it did no damage to the outer hull, Cole

said.

The aircraft, a single-seat F-4B Hornet, had been dispatched from the carrier USS Midway. The plane returned to the Midway where the pilot was debriefed by navy officials, Cole said.

The bomb was described as about four feet (1.2 metres) long and 14 inches (35 centimetres) in diameter.

Cole said the F-4B's pilot "inadvertently" dropped the bomb during "routine weapons training."

The plane is jet that can adapt to both the fighter and attack roles.

Cole said the injuries occurred "as a result of flying glass and concussion" from the exploding bomb. The sailors were treated on board the USS Reeves, he added.

The spokesman said the navy did not plan to release the names of the injured until their families were notified.

Both the Midway, which is one of the navy's oldest aircraft carriers, and the Reeves are permanently based in Yokosuka, Japan.

## Religious taxation fought

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP)—The nation's highest court hears arguments today in a case that religious groups say strikes at the heart of a founding principle of the United States—separation of church and state.

Groups ranging from Hare Krishnas to mainline Protestants are siding with television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's Ministry in a legal showdown over state taxing powers.

The case involves a challenge to California's taxation of books, tapes and other merchandise sold by the Louisiana-based Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

California court rulings forced Swaggart's Ministry to pay the state \$183,000 in back taxes and interest for 1974 through 1981.

But lawyers for Swaggart's organisation say the California tax, as applied, violates religious freedom. They also say it runs counter to guarantees of due process of law and interferes with interstate commerce.

The disputed states sales and use tax is imposed on "retailers" for the privilege of selling personal property in California, and on the consumption of products within the state.



Members of the Salvadoran military and civilians turn over the body of Jose Ernesto Vasquez. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Washington murder rate on the rise

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (Reuter)—A weekend surge of five killings has raised the homicide toll in the US capital so far this year to 369, matching the official tally for all of last year.

Police officials said yesterday the murder toll could keep rising as drug dealers battle over turf.

The murder rate in Washington, at 59.52 per 100,000 in 1988, is 30 times that of other capitals in the industrialised West and higher than that of most Third World cities.

The 1988 rate was higher than that of the 1987 champion Detroit, which had a tally of 57.87 per 100,000 in 1988, down from 62.85 in 1987.

## Salvador bombed Nicaragua blamed

SAN SALVADOR, Oct 31, (UPI)—President Alfredo Cristiani accused Salvadoran rebels of using Nicaraguan-supplied weapons in the bombing of a heavily guarded military compound that left one civilian dead and 15 wounded.

"Obviously an iron tube that serves as a grenade launcher we can find in any country, but we understand that it is not the handcrafted part that damages, but the industrial part and this comes from Nicaragua," Cristiani told reporters yesterday at the presidential residence.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack on El Salvador's armed forces headquarters yesterday.

One civilian was killed and 15 people were wounded, including a 12-year-old boy and several workers at a gasoline station that was destroyed, officials said. The conditions of the wounded were not immediately known.

Cristiani, leader of the rightist Nationalist Republican Alliance, or Arena, blamed the attack on rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, who he said were armed by Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

"The attack was (carried out) with weapons that the Sandinista government constantly provides to the Salvadoran rebels," Cristiani said.

## Ex-mental patient convicted of murder

NEW YORK, Oct 31, (AP)—A jury has rejected a former mental patient's claim he did not know what he was doing when he raped and killed a pregnant doctor, convicting him of murder in a hospital slaying.

Steven Smith, who secretly lived in a Bellevue Hospital storeroom and prowled the hallways in a white lab coat and a stethoscope, admitted he sexually attacked and strangled Dr Kathryn Hinata, 33, on Jan 7, in her fourth-floor office. She was five months pregnant.

Smith's lawyer, Marvin Kornberg, pleaded that the defendant, in and out of a psychiatric treatment since he was 14 was insane and therefore not criminally responsible for the crimes. He tried to assure the jurors that if they found Smith insane, he would not "waltz out of here a free man."

## Endara, Calderon return to Panama

PANAMA CITY, Oct 31, (UPI)—Panama's two senior opposition leaders, facing death threats from a supporter of de facto ruler Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, returned home yesterday from Costa Rica, where they met with leaders from North and South America, including US President George Bush.

"All the leaders of Latin America, Brazil and the Caribbean have left this summit committed to push ahead with the task of democratising our hemisphere and isolating the dictators wherever they are found," said Guillermo Endara, opposition presidential candidate in May 7 elections that were annulled three days later.

Endara and one of his vice-presidential running mates, Ricardo Arias Calderon, returned to Panama as a death threat against them and second vice-presidential candidate Guillermo Ford appeared on page 2 of the government-controlled newspaper Critica.

Under the headline "Oath of a patriot," Victor Siles, a pro-Noriega legislative candidate during the May national elections, accused the three opposition candidates of plotting with the US government against Noriega and threatening their deaths.

"I, Victor Siles Herrera, assume responsibility as attorney general of the people and therefore vow before the altar of the fatherland to summarily judge and sentence, with death," Guillermo Endara, Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford, for executing the directive given by the Bush administration to the CIA, FBI, Southern Command, US Army South and their allies within the traitorous, seditious and anti-patriotic opposition, to kidnap and/or assassinate the commander-in-chief of our revolutionary process for national liberation, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega," the article said.

Ford did not accompany Endara and Arias Calderon to Costa Rica where 16 of the country's elected leaders met to mark 100 years of democracy in Costa Rica and discuss the "6-Ds": Democracy, development, debt, deforestation, disarmament and drugs.

Heads of the governments of Panama, Cuba, Chile and Haiti were not invited to the Costa Rican summit because they were not elected to their offices.

Bush and other heads of state met Saturday with the Panamanian and Nicaraguan opposition leaders.

In Honduras, Contra military commander Enrique Bermudez said the Contras would not disband until the Sandinistas allowed a general amnesty for Contra supporters and an impartial investigation into alleged ceasefire violations.

Washington had not talked with the Contras about the offensive, Bermudez said.

About 11,000 Contras withdrew to camps on the Honduran side of the border after the United States suspended weapons and ammunition supplies in February 1988. An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 are in Nicaragua, conducting sporadic attacks.

NEW YORK, Oct 31, (Reuter)—Senator Edward Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat whose family is respected by New York's liberal and Jewish voters, stumbled here yesterday for democratic mayoral candidate David Dinkins.

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Senator Kennedy, brother of President John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, who both died

# Nicaragua seeks Jackson's help

De Cuellar urges Ortega to extend truce

MANAGUA, Oct 31, (AP)—President Daniel Ortega said yesterday he has asked US politician Jesse Jackson to intervene with the Bush administration and US Congress to win support for disbanding Nicaraguan rebels.

A presidential communique said Ortega spoke by telephone yesterday with the Rev. Jackson, an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination last year.

Frank Watkins, a Chicago spokesman for Jackson, said the liberal politician was in Washington when he spoke with Ortega and he then

left for New York without issuing a statement about the conversation.

The presidential communique said Ortega also asked Jackson to try to have US funds earmarked for the rebels, known as Contras, diverted to the United Nations and the Organisation of American States. He said that would accelerate their demobilisation and allow Nicaraguan elections set for Feb 25 to be held in peace.

"We asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson to focus his mediation efforts on (having the United States) stop placing obstacles on the demobilisation of the Contras," the communique said.

Ortega has said he would make a final decision by Tuesday on whether to end ceasefire in the war against rebels. He shocked a meeting of 17 Hemispheric heads of state at a Costa Rican independence celebration on Saturday when he said he planned to suspend the unilateral ceasefire.

At the United Nations in New York, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar urged Ortega to extend the truce.

In a message, the UN chief said he shared Ortega's concern about "the attacks which the resistance (Contras) have been carrying out despite the ceasefire, which has been observed in general terms since March 1988."

He said, "the deterioration of the situation in Nicaragua can only impact negatively on the Central American peace process as a whole."

Watching

In Washington, presidential press secretary Martin Fitzwater said the administration of President George Bush was "waiting and watching" to see what action Ortega takes.

Ortega is being besieged by the rest of Central America to continue a 19-month ceasefire with the Contra rebels, Fitzwater said.

"The issue pretty much goes back to President Ortega and the Sandinistas in the sense that he's changed his position a little bit," Fitzwater said. "We obviously are urging that the ceasefire be maintained."

Stalemate quo

He said Ortega's threat to end the unilateral ceasefire has alienated most of Nicaragua's neighbours and that Ortega was being pressured by them to preserve the status quo.

"Violations by the Sandinistas dwarf the violations by the Contras," he said. At the same time, Fitzwater defended Bush's depiction of Ortega as a "little man." "The president was referring to small-minded pettiness," and not Ortega's height, he said.

Ortega said in a television interview yesterday that Presidents Carlos Menem of Argentina, Oscar Arias of Costa Rica and Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela had all agreed to try to persuade the US government to support Contra demobilisation.

"In those circumstances, my decision tomorrow will be a flexible one," Ortega said in the interview.

He also said that elections set for next February would take place "with war or without war."

Ortega had said he would end the ceasefire unless concrete steps were taken by Tuesday to demobilise the Honduras-based rebels.

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Canada to extradite: Canada will extradite accused mass murderer Charles Ng to California without assurances he will not face the death penalty if convicted of the 1985 torture-slayings of a dozen people, Justice Minister Doug Young said.

Ng's lawyer, Don Macleod, said in Calgary, Alberta, he would appeal the government's decision, a process that could delay extradition for several months.

Ng, 29, is suspected in the 1985 torture-slayings of a dozen people at a remote camp in Calaveras county, California. He became the focus of an international manhunt and fled to Canada in June 1985 when his companion Leonard Lake committed suicide in a San Francisco police station.

Broker arrested: A businessman accused of writing seven rubber cheques totalling \$30 million and creating panic on Brazilian stock markets was arrested yesterday after a three-month manhunt.

The news agency Estado reported that businessman Naji Nahas, 46, was picked up at his Sao Paulo apartment.

Nahas, believed to have a personal fortune of some \$300 million, is accused of writing seven rubber cheques to buy \$30 million in stock on the Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo markets. (UPI)

Six policemen killed: Narcotics traffickers yesterday ambushed and killed six Jalisco state policemen who had located a field where plants used in drug production were cultivated, the government news agency Notimex said.

Jesus Delgado Arias, head of the patrol and the only survivor, said they were attacked just after finding a field, at the border between Jalisco and Michoacan states northwest of Mexico City.

The reports did not specify whether the field contained poppies or marijuana. (AP)



Jorge Alberto Torres, 8, stands nearby as workmen barricade the newspaper, La Prensa on Oct 29. (Reuter wirephoto)



Jose Rafael Abello. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bombs rock Bogota

Soccer celebrations ignored

BOGOTA, Oct 31, (Reuter)—Bogota was rocked by more bombs last night as Colombian drug gangs ignored celebrations of the national soccer team's qualifying for the World Cup.

Police said a policeman and a man he was arresting were killed after the man drew a grenade and it exploded in his hands in a northern suburb of the capital.

Three bombs exploded outside two bank offices and a supermarket causing extensive damage but no injuries, police said.

The bombings, the latest in an intensified campaign of violence by the drug gangs, killed thousands of people celebrating Colombia's first appearance for 28 years in the World Cup soccer finals next June in Italy.

Colombians packed bars around the country to toast their team's goal-less draw with Israel yesterday in Tel Aviv, which guaranteed them a place in next year's final.

Bogota and other cities echoed the sound of fireworks. Motorists blew their horns and white ticker tape cascaded down from high-rise buildings as Colombians forgot for a moment the daily

violence.

President Virgilio Barco described the triumph as an "historic moment for Colombia."

Colombia's drug gangs, which have responded to a government crackdown with their own declaration of war, have stepped up the violence following the weekend's extradition of a leading smuggler to face trial in the United States.

Extradition is the smugglers' greatest fear and their campaign of intimidation is aimed at stopping it.

Colombian police have arrested and extradited hundreds of smugglers in the past few months, but the fifth and most important smuggler to be extradited since the government launched its offensive on August 18.

A leading television journalist, Jorge Enrique Pulido, was fighting for his life after being shot and wounded on Sunday hours after Abello was handed over to US drug officials at Bogota airport.

Eight news media employees, most of them journalists, have been killed in drug-related violence over the past two months.

Inmate holds hostages: A state prison inmate armed with a homemade knife held a doctor and three workers hostage for five hours before surrendering yesterday, authorities said.

The prisoner had demanded to see the director of the state corrections department, Michael Lane, who flew to the maximum-security Stateville Correctional Centre from the state capital of Springfield.

The doctor and three dental clinic workers were taken hostage about 2 pm. (1900 GMT) in the prison medical unit, said corrections department spokesman Nic Howell. The hostages were released unharmed about five hours later. (AP)

Wildfire under control: Fierce winds that pushed flames over 4,000 acres (1,600 hectares) of brushy hillsides have diminished, allowing firefighters to surround the wildfire and declare it controlled.

Firefighters snuffed out the blaze last evening, and planned to remain at the scene to prevent flare-ups, said Ventura county fire department spokeswoman Liz Pickles.

The fast-moving blaze destroyed two mountain of homes and three other buildings, sending residents, including entertainer Dick Clark, rushing toward the ocean for safety. More than 2,200 people were routed from campsites, authorities said. (AP)

Bus plunges into ravine, 8 dead: A bus full of passengers plunged into a ravine, killing eight people and injuring another 30, police said.

The accident happened yesterday afternoon near the town of Bordo, 340 miles south of Bogota, said the police. It was travelling north from Ipiales city on the border with Ecuador, they said.

Apparently, the driver was travelling too fast, the police said. (AP)

## Kennedys for Dinkins

### New York mayoral race

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Senator Kennedy, brother of President John F. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, who both died

at the hands of assassins, told a group of Jewish senior citizens that Dinkins was a consistent supporter of Israel, worked for freeing Soviet Jews and stood up to the anti-Semitic harangues of black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan despite threats against him.

Although most polls give Dinkins a lead of between five and 10 points over Republican Rudolph Giuliani, he has slipped badly among white voters, especially Jews concerned over his friendship with black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

Kennedy stressed Dinkins' support of a Middle East solution acceptable to Israel in his appearances with Dinkins.

Most pollsters say the Jewish vote, expected to form 20 per cent of the electorate in next week's election, could be pivotal.

Many voters are swinging over to Giuliani, saying they are soured by reports on Dinkins' personal finances and his relationship with Jackson, who outraged New Yorkers by calling the city "hymietown," a reference to its Jewish population.



Dinkins (right) speaks at a rally while Senator Edward Kennedy listens. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Arabs linked to US jet blast

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31.

(Renter): Swedish police suspect a link between four Palestinians standing trial in Stockholm on terrorism charges and the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland, a security source said today.

A police document seen by Reuters shows that one of the four men flew to Malta two months before the New York-bound plane blew up over the town of Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

According to reports in the British and US press, investigators believe the bomb was hidden in an unaccompanied suitcase from Malta, which was transferred in Frankfurt to the ill-fated flight.

"The Swedish police suspect a link between these four Palestinians and the Lockerbie bombing. They (the police) are under a lot of pressure right now and will probably make a public statement on the issue within a week or so," the Swedish security source told Reuters.

### Document

The police document shows the travel movements of Mohamed Abu Talb, 35, who is accused in court of leading a guerrilla cell based in Sweden. Abu Talb flew to Malta on Oct. 19, 1988.

According to the Swedish newspaper Kvalitetsposten, he met members of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in Malta. He returned to Stockholm a week later.

The four Palestinians standing trial in Stockholm live in Sweden and were arrested last May. They are accused of a series of bombings against US and Jewish targets in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Amsterdam in 1985 and 1986.

One bomb which exploded outside the office of the US airline Northwest Orient in Copenhagen killed one person.

The youngest defendant in the trial has admitted his involvement in the bombings. The others deny the charges.

### Device

Investigators in Europe have uncovered evidence linking a Palestinian group to last December's Pan Am bombing, the New York Times reported today.

Quoting US government officials, the newspaper said a Palestinian being held on terrorism charges in Sweden, admitted he retrieved and passed to another person a bomb hidden in a building in West Germany.

The bomb is believed similar to the device that destroyed the Pan American Boeing 747 on Dec. 21, 1988, and was possibly the same bomb, the Times quoted the US officials as saying.

West German police overlooked the device when they searched the building in October 1988, and arrested 14 members of the PFLP-GC.

### Analysis

The newspaper quoted US officials as also saying analysis of fragments of clothing from the bag that contained the bomb led investigators to a factory in Malta.

London's Sunday Times reported similar findings on Sunday, saying a computer loading list showed an unaccompanied suitcase from Malta was transferred to Pan Am Flight 103, which originated in Frankfurt.

A team of seven Scottish police officers assisted by agents from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has been in Malta interviewing airport baggage handlers, cleaners and other staff.

In London, passengers switched to a larger Boeing 747 and the plane was blown out of the sky over Lockerbie shortly after departing for its final destination, New York.

### Suitcase

The Sunday Times said a copper-coloured Samsonite suitcase that carried the bomb almost certainly carried clothing that had been made and bought in Malta.

Investigators believe the bomb, made of Semtex plastic explosive, was assembled in West Germany and taken to Malta, the paper said.

A town councillor criticised today the way a £2.3 million (£3.6 million) fund set up after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 has been distributed.

The trustees of the fund said last week that only £116,000 (£182,000) have been given to relatives of the 259 people on board the plane which exploded last Dec 21.

The bulk of the funds has gone to community groups to benefit Lockerbie residents, 11 of whom were killed by the plane's falling fiery wreckage.

# Top ministers warn Thatcher

Maggie sinks in polls

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP): Britain's new Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, says that some cabinet ministers "shrivel up" before Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and says her administration needs to be more persuasive.

Hurd's comments yesterday came as the Conservative government, rocked by the resignation of its top Treasury official, sank to the worst ratings of Thatcher's decade in power. One sounding showed her the most unpopular leader since polling began.

"She likes an argument," Hurd said in a television interview. "Some people find it difficult to argue with a woman prime minister, so they rather tend to shrivel up and feel resentful. The answer is actually to argue back. You'll find yourself being contradicted and sometimes told you don't know what you are talking about. But if you persevere... you gain ground."

Hurd was among several party leaders who obliquely criticised Thatcher's style of leadership, which is under renewed scrutiny since Thursday's sudden resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

Hurd, widely regarded as more enthusiastic about the European Economic Community than Thatcher, stressed that Britain is committed in principle to joining fully the European Monetary System linking the continent's major currencies.

The issue was at the heart of the dispute that led to Lawson's resignation.

In the subsequent cabinet shuffle, Thatcher moved Hurd, formerly home secretary, to the Foreign Office and replaced Lawson with John Major, who had been foreign secretary for just three months.

Earlier, former Conservative Party chairman Norman Tebbit, who helped mastermind Thatcher's election victory in 1979, warned, "she cannot afford many more mishaps." He called the latest cabinet shuffle "an appalling political mistake."

In a national opinion poll, Thatcher hit the lowest popularity rating for any prime minister since polling started in Britain 30 years ago.

Only 24 per cent of 935 voters questioned said they were satisfied with her performance, and 61 per cent blamed her for Lawson's resignation.

He said he could not continue in the 22-member cabinet so long as Thatcher retained a personal economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters, who opposes Britain joining fully the European Monetary System. Walters then also resigned.

Thatcher is somewhere between lukewarm and opposed to membership in the system's currency-stabilising exchange rate mechanism, which is favoured by both Lawson and the Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe. Thatcher fired Howe as foreign secretary last June.

The furor has heightened criticisms of Thatcher's style as bossy, hectoring and intolerant of opposing views in the cabinet.

A Harris poll, for the British Broadcasting Corp's last night current affairs programme "Panorama," showed the Conservatives a huge 13 points behind the socialist Labour Party.

In an ominous sign for Thatcher, who had been credited relatively widely with pulling the British economy around, 61 per cent said the government now is handling the economy badly. Sixty-seven per cent said they had little or no confidence in Thatcher's handling of the government.

The polls gave no margin of error.

Leading conservatives were today rallying round their leader.

## Nations meet on dumping

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP):

Representatives from 63 countries yesterday began a meeting of the London Dumping Convention, the forum which regulates the dumping of waste at sea and is under pressure to ban permanently nuclear waste disposal in the oceans.

Britain, however, opposes a permanent ban and plans to dump at sea decommissioned nuclear submarines when they become obsolete.

The issue will be discussed later this week.

## UK army facing recruiting crisis

LONDON, Oct. 31. (Kuma): The British army has teamed up with two employment agencies to help solve its major recruiting crisis, it was reported here today.

It is 3,000 down on its established strength of 151,000 and the number of people leaving annually has reached 20,000.

The Daily Telegraph said that agency staff have visited military units to get a flavour of the life they are offering.

The 12-month experiment with a number of agencies including "Brook Street" and "Extra Staff" in London, started last summer.

## Britain awards damages to four

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP): Three people jailed for 14 years on a wrongful conviction for an Irish Republican Army bombing will each get \$79,000 as an interim compensation payment, the government said today.

Paul Hill, the fourth person wrongly convicted in the 1974 bombing that killed five people in Guildford, southwest of London, will get \$15,800, officials said.

Home Office Minister John Patten said in a statement to Parliament yesterday that the so-called Guildford Four would each get an initial payment. His aides, requesting anonymity, specified the amounts later.

The four were freed last week after the country's second-ranking judge, Lord Lane, quashed the convictions, ruling that police officers probably lied at the trial.

Hill, 35, was also serving a life sentence on a separate conviction of murdering a British soldier in Belfast, northern Ireland. He was freed on bail pending an appeal.

The others, Gerard Conlon, 35, and Patrick Armstrong, 39, both from Belfast, and a London woman, Carole Richardson, 32, were freed unconditionally.

The ruling, after a prolonged campaign to exonerate the four, has damaged the reputation of the police and led to demands for reopening of other cases. The government has ordered an inquiry into the police conduct in the Guildford case.

Britain's recently retired top legal officer, Lord Hailsham, said appeal judges were right to turn down previous appeals by the Guildford Four on the evidence then available.

"I cannot see how you can blame the police because someone strikes the wrong note or blows a computer because someone feeds it false information," Hailsham said in a television interview yesterday.

## Lockerbie explosion

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (UPI): The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command has been linked to the December 1988 bomb explosion that blew Pan Am flight 103 out of the sky over Lockerbie, Scotland, the New York Times reported today.



Shot dead

Corporal Mahes Kumar (Mick) Isania who was shot on Oct 26 along with his baby daughter by an IRA gunman. Pictured earlier this year (1989) when he was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct medal. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bomb scare in Ireland

## Rail lines closed

BELFAST, Oct. 31. (AP): Three railway lines in Northern Ireland were closed by bomb warnings last night, a day after Protestants and Roman Catholics travelled together to defy IRA disruption of cross-border trains.

Anonymous telephone calls warned of bombs on the lines between Newry in the north and Dundalk in the southern Irish Republic. Separate warnings shut down services in the north between Belfast and Bangor and Belfast and Larne.

Police said they would not inspect the tracks until daylight because of possible ambushes and booby traps.

The closure meant disruption this morning for thousands of Belfast-bound commuters.

Hundreds of people travelled on "peace trains" at the weekend to protest bombings and bomb hoaxes by the outlawed Irish Republican Army which has halted the cross-border route more than 60 times this year in its fight to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

# Barony restored Back after 493 years

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP): Grey of Codnor is back in the English peerage after being absent for 493 years.

Charles Legh Suddham Cornwall-Legh, 86, presenting his writ of summons, took his place in the House of Lords yesterday as the fifth Baron Grey of Codnor.

He is the first holder of the ancient title since the fourth baron died in 1496 leaving three illegitimate sons without claim to the title.

Cornwall-Legh proved his claim after tracing hundreds of descendants around the world through about 20 generations down five centuries.

His late father began the quest for recognition with a petition to King George V in 1935. The search reached back to a paternal aunt Lucy of the fourth baron.

"It was very costly but I felt once it had been started I had to go on," said the new Lord Grey, as barons are known.

He is a country squire, once a tea planter in Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — and a former magistrate and high sheriff of Cheshire, the northwest England county where the family live near Knutsford.

The claimant had one opponent: Simon Fletcher, father of actress Susanah York, claimed aunt Lucy was not the fourth baron's blood aunt and the only true heir descended through the Fletcher family line to another aunt.

But the House of Lords committee on privileges backed Cornwall-Legh and Queen Elizabeth II finally approved his petition first presented to her grandfather.

There is nothing but the title left of the barony.



New camp but no luck

Vietnamese boat people carry their belongings into the newly completed High Island Detention Centre in Hong Kong yesterday. The camp will house approximately 4,500 of the 56,000 Vietnamese boat people still in the British colony. Four hundred refugees were placed in the centre today. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 'Unfit' ousted

BEIJING, Oct. 31. (AP): China's Parliament today ousted two Hong Kong residents from a panel drafting a new constitution for the colony, saying they were unfit because they condemned China's crackdown on its pro-democracy movement.

Its leadership ruled Szeto Wah and Martin Lee no longer fit to serve on the Chinese-dominated committee that is formulating the British colony's constitution for when it reverts to Chinese control in 1997.

The Chinese lawmakers said the two can only return to the committee if they "abandon their antagonistic stand against the Chinese government and their attempt to nullify the Sino-British joint declaration on Hong Kong," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Britain and Hong Kong agreed in 1984 that the colony, a coastal enclave, would revert to Chinese rule eight years from now, in July 1997.

The new constitution, known as the basic law, is supposed to guarantee a "one country-two systems" formula, under which the territory is to keep its Western capitalist system for 50 years.

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## Ships collide, 9 lost

TOKYO, Oct 31, (AP): A South Korean chemical tanker collided with a Panamanian-registered container vessel and capsized off southwestern Japan today, leaving nine crewmen missing, the coast guard reported.

The Maritime Safety Agency Office at Kochi said one of its patrol boats was sailing nearby and saved four South Korean crew members who were drifting in a rubber boat.

Among the missing was Kim Dong-An, captain of the South Korean tanker Incheon Pioneer, said an official of the agency who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the four rescued men "are in good condition."

There were no injuries among 16 crew members, all Taiwanese, aboard the 37,000-ton Ever Guide, he said.

The Incheon Pioneer with a crew of 13 South Koreans was heading from Yokohama to Oita, southwestern Japan, carrying about 600 tons of alcohol-related products.

## Japan's only pet tiger shot dead

TOKYO, Oct 31, (Reuters): Japan's only legal pet tiger was shot and killed after escaping from its backyard cage and mauling to death two dogs today, police said.

An amateur hunter killed the three-year-old male tiger owned by a business executive in the small town of Konan near Tokyo. The two-metre-long (6.5-foot) animal ran away when a keeper left the door of its cage unlocked.

# Deng points the accusing finger at US for turmoil

China passes tough anti-demo law

BEIJING, Oct 31, (Agencies): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping bluntly accused the United States today of being deeply involved in protests which gripped Beijing this year.

Western diplomats said the charge was the most serious levelled against Washington since China's military crackdown in June and was likely to worsen already badly damaged relations.

"Frankly speaking, the US was involved too deeply in the turmoil and counter-revolutionary rebellion which occurred in Beijing not long ago," the 85-year-old leader said.

"China was the real victim and it is unjust to reproach China for it," Deng told former US president Richard Nixon who is on a private visit at the invitation of the Chinese government.

It was up to the United States to take the initiative in repairing relations, Deng was quoted as saying by the official New China News Agency, in an apparent reference to the US suspension of high level contacts, military co-operation and official loans.

As chairman of the Communist Party central military commission, Deng ordered the army into Beijing on June 3 to end three months of anti-government and pro-democracy protests.

China says about 300 people were killed but residents and foreign diplomats say as many as several thousand may have died.

Ties with the West, particularly the United States, Britain and France, have slumped to their worst point in years. Reviving old rhetoric, China has accused the West of trying to subvert communism.

Nixon told reporters on emerging from his meeting with Deng in the Great Hall of the People that they had many differences.

"The damage is very great. The point I should emphasise is this is without question the most serious situation in terms of Sino-American relations since 1972," Nixon said.

The damage could be repaired if the two sides kept talking and set aside ideological differences, he said.

Nixon is the most prominent American to visit China since June but US embassy officials stress he is travelling as a private citizen and his trip does not represent a break in President George Bush's ban on top-level contacts with China.

However, Nixon was in contact with Bush and his national security adviser before his visit and will submit a report to the White House on returning.

"This is the first time that a Chinese leader has so clearly pointed the finger at the United States... it's not going to help at all," a Western diplomat commented.

The US is not especially concerned about Deng's charge that Washington was deeply involved in disturbances, a State Department official said today.

The US embassy has protested three times to the Chinese government in as many days over alleged harassment of diplomats and their families, an embassy source said yesterday.

The harassment — including incident of slashed tyres and police pointing rifles at diplomats' children — comes as Chinese authorities have sharply increased surveillance of the US embassy's compounds.

Late last night, eight cars with out licence plates, one car with police plates, and two police motorcycles were parked in front of US Ambassador James Lilley's residence.

More than a dozen men stood on the sidewalk and others could be seen through dark-tinted car windows. They watched passing cars closely.

China's legislature passed a law on public demonstrations today that includes provisions banning rallies that threaten state interests or social order.

The law on assembly and demonstration, to take effect immediately, was passed on the final day of the current session of the National People's Congress standing committee.

The official Xinhua news agency said the law was aimed at protecting citizens' legal rights to gather, parade and demonstrate while safeguarding social stability and public order.

The final version, revised over three sessions of the standing committee since July, gives the state wide latitude to stop public gatherings that may be critical of government policy.

Authorities have the right to turn down requests for rallies that may "endanger public safety and cause social turmoil," the law says. Demonstrations that go against China's constitution, sovereignty, territorial integrity or incite national separatism will not be allowed, it says.

The ban on separatist gatherings would apply to Tibetans who in the past two years have staged demonstrations against Chinese rule.

Armed police will replace soldiers stationed in Tiananmen Square and troops have been withdrawn from city intersections in a major scaling down of the capital's five-month-old martial law, officials said.

The move appeared a test of Beijing's stability before martial law is completely lifted, which a government spokesman recently said will happen "before very long."



Kaifu cheers 'banzai' in jubilation after officially being re-elected president of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). (Reuters wirephoto)

## Kaifu is now a full leader

Pinball scandal probed

TOKYO, Oct 31, (Agencies): Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu paused in a parliamentary session today to get a formal promotion from substitute to full-fledged leader of Japan's governing party, just starting to recover from scandal and election setbacks.

Kaifu, 58, had been serving out the term of Noboru Takeshita, which expired today. In June, Takeshita resigned as prime minister and party leader to take responsibility for a wide-spread influence-peddling scandal.

The first man chosen to fill the vacancy, Sosuke Uno, held office for only two months before severe election losses forced him to step down.

Kaifu, the choice of faction leaders in the Liberal Democratic Party, defeated two opponents in August balloting for a leader to serve the next three months.

He was unopposed, however, in today's brief LDP convention to choose its leader for a full two-year term.

As leader of the LDP, he serves as prime minister as long as the party retains its majority in Parliament's lower house. Elections must be held by next summer, but political analysts now expect Kaifu may call elections in February, following a visit to Europe in January.

In July, the scandal, an unpopular new three per cent sales tax, and an impression among many voters of LDP arrogance led to the party's losing its majority in the less powerful upper house for the first time in its 34-year history. The main gainer was the largest opposition party, the Socialists (JSP).

In early October, however, the LDP won a closely watched bye-election to fill a vacancy in the upper house, and public opinion polls have shown support for Kaifu rising.

An Oct 18-19 poll by the national newspaper Asahi Shinbun showed support for Kaifu

and his cabinet at 42 per cent, up from 39 per cent in early September and from 28 per cent for the Uno cabinet in June. In one poll, support for the Takeshita cabinet sank to 3.9 per cent in April.

Meanwhile, the Socialists have run into trouble in talks with other opposition parties on forming a coalition they hope could unseat the LDP government. The other parties have described as unrealistic such Socialist policies as opposition to key parts of the US-Japan mutual security treaty.

Today's discussions in Parliament pursued published allegations that Socialist Party members had been influenced by political donations to help owners of parlours for "pachinko," a popular style of pinball that offers prizes for winners. Police say the industry is a major tax evader.

Scanting blood after three months of mass-media innuendo about an opposition link to vested interests in Japan's lucrative pachinko parlour owners and the North Korean groups, the (LDP) started the chase in earnest.

"We're going to knock out (the Socialists) no matter what the cost to us," LDP secretary general Ichiro Ozawa told the evening Fuji newspaper.

Today, first of two days of intensive grilling, dealt mostly with LDP efforts to establish an illicit North Korean connection to the Socialist Party.

The socialists have come under media fire over allegations party members acted in favour of pachinko parlour owners and have financial links with pro-pyongyang Korean organisations.

Both the JSP, which has maintained friendly relations with North Korea for years, and the pro-North Korea Association of Korean Residents have denied the allegations.

## SA is on trial over Namibia

YAMOUSOUKRO, Ivory Coast, Oct 31, (Reuters): South Africa's importance in regional conflicts was underscored yesterday in a meeting of four African leaders seeking to resolve the Angolan civil war.

Ivory Coast's President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, in a surprise announcement at the meeting's end, said South African President Frederik de Klerk would visit Ivory Coast in December.

The visit will be De Klerk's first as president to a black African country. Houphouet-Boigny, at 84, the dean of black African statesmen, did not announce the date of the visit to be discussed.

Ivory Coast has long had friendly, if unofficial, ties with South Africa and De Klerk's predecessor, P.W. Botha, met Houphouet-Boigny in Ivory Coast last year.

Zimbabwe President Kenneth Kaunda told a news conference the frontline states were watching the Namibian independence process to gauge South Africa's future role in the region.

"South Africa is very much on trial so far as Namibia is concerned," said Kaunda, referring to November elections that are part of Namibia's move towards independence from South Africa.

Kaunda, President of the front-line states grouping, said if the elections went smoothly it could signal the moment to organise to "end apartheid and bring genuine peace not only to South Africa itself but to the region as a whole."

South Africa has been one of the principal backers, along with the United States, of Jonas Savimbi's right wing Unita rebels who have fought the leftist Angolan government for 14 years.

Yesterday meeting at Ivory Coast's inland capital was part of a painstaking process to revive a ceasefire and peace talks that collapsed shortly after they were agreed on at a meeting in Gbadolite, Zaire, in June.

Kaunda, president of a group of eight countries overseeing the peace negotiations, attended the one-day meeting with Houphouet-Boigny and presidents Omar Bongo of Gabon and Manuel Pinto da Costa of Sao Tome and Principe.

The four described the talks as productive but did not announce a date for the next group of eight talks, due to be held in Gabon.

They reaffirmed that Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko should remain as mediator of the talks, despite Savimbi's complaints that Mobutu was overstepping his role and that provisions of the Gbadolite accord had been misinterpreted.

Savimbi, a close friend of Houphouet-Boigny, has said he never agreed to go into temporary exile or to merge his rebels into Angola's ruling party.

Houphouet-Boigny denied reports of a rift between himself and Mobutu arising from the treatment of Savimbi, but said that if Mobutu wanted a face-to-face meeting he would have to come to Ivory Coast.

"I am older," Houphouet-Boigny said, "and I am always ready to receive."

Angolan Four African leaders reaffirmed yesterday that Zairean President Mobutu should remain as mediator in Angolan peace talks despite criticism of him by rebel leader Savimbi.

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South African Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu has urged African states to improve their human-rights records to help speed up the demise of Pretoria's apartheid racial segregation system.

## Songs banned Mandela praised

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 31, (Reuters): A song by black American singer Tracy Chapman praising jailed black leader Nelson Mandela has been banned from South African state radio and television.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (Sabc) said today the song "Freedom Now" and another song "Material World" were "undesirable for broadcasting." It did not elaborate.

The songs may still be played by independent stations. The award-winning black protest singer is immensely popular in South Africa where 90,000 copies of her new album "Crossroads" have been sold within weeks.

"Freedom Now" praises Mandela's resilience during his quarter century in jail for trying to overthrow white rule.

## Phnom Penh claims military situation unchanged

BANGKOK, Thailand, Oct 31, (AP): Guerrillas in Cambodia have reported significant gains. But the Vietnamese-installed government claims the military situation has not changed since Vietnam purportedly withdrew its last troops a month ago.

Quoting a Defence Ministry spokesman, Phnom Penh radio acknowledged the guerrillas have tried to gather forces for large-scale attacks on areas in the western provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Battambang and Siem Reap. The radio said the guerrillas intend to

set up bases to establish a competing government. A text of yesterday's broadcast was seen today in Bangkok.

The guerrillas have intensified attacks against the Phnom Penh army, which most analysts regard as ill-trained and poorly led, since Vietnam withdrew what it said were its last 26,000 troops in late September.

Thai military officers have confirmed the guerrillas have made major advances, particularly the Oct 22 seizure of the strategic

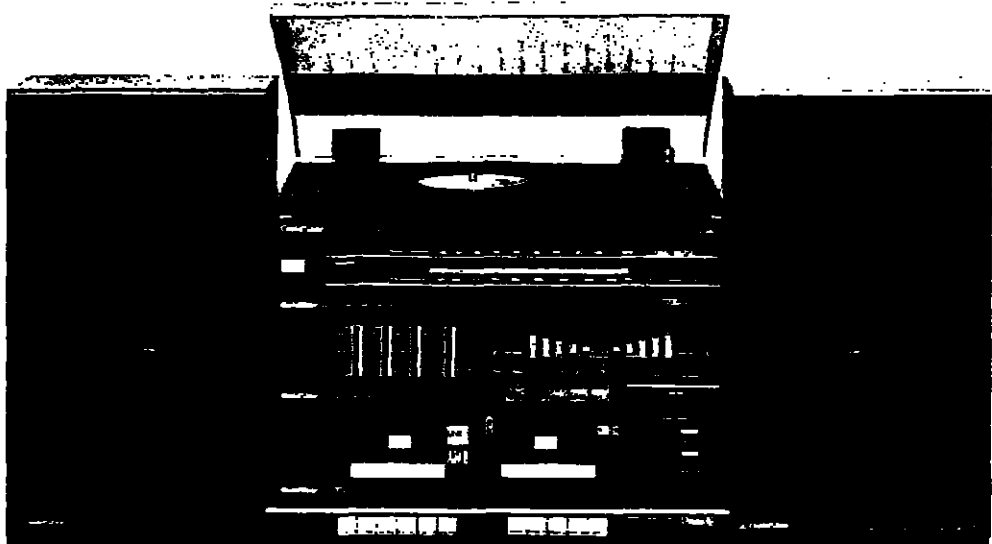
town of Pailin in Battambang by the Khmer Rouge.

The Phnom Penh broadcast claimed, however, that "there have been no significant changes in the military situation throughout the country" since the Vietnamese withdrawal.

"We have preserved a fairly normal situation," it said. It claimed Phnom Penh forces beat back guerrilla offensive.

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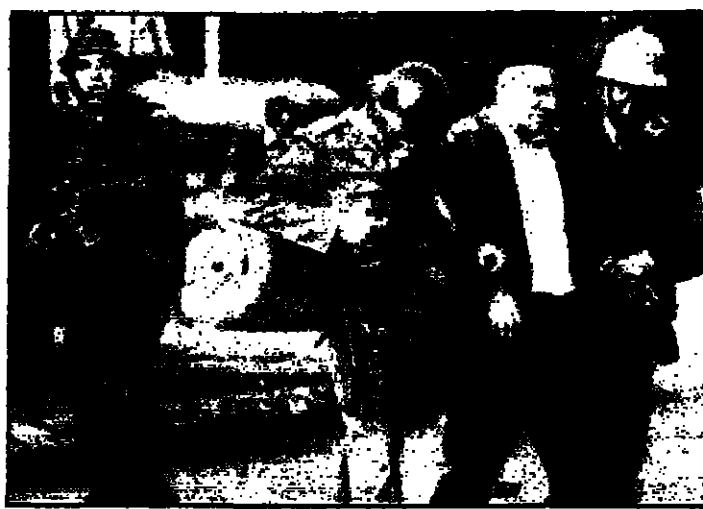
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Former Kosovo Communist Party leader Azem Vllasi (centre) during the first day of trial at a Titova Mitrovica, Yugoslavia, court. (Reuter wirephoto)



Policemen arresting an ethnic Albanian after demonstrations in Podujevo, Yugoslavia. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Trial sparks riot in Kosovo

### Police clash with Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Oct 31, (Reuter): Yugoslav police have clashed with thousands of ethnic Albanians protesting at the trial of a leading Albanian politician facing a possible death penalty for 'counter-revolution.'

Police battled about 1,000 stone-throwing rioters in the town of Podujevo 40 kms (25 miles) north of Pristina, capital of the province of Kosovo, with tear-gas, clubs and armoured vehicles.

The rioters, many of them masked and wielding clubs, erected barricades made of wrecked cars and overturned rubbish bins in

the protest against the trial of former Kosovo Communist Party chief Azem Vllasi.

Hundreds of people on Pristina's central promenade fled in panic after police bombarded the street with tear-gas to disperse groups of protesters.

Vllasi, 41, and 14 other Albanian officials, were indicted for fomenting protest against curbs on Kosovo's self-rule in favour of the biggest republic, Serbia, in November and February.

Riots in March and May this year left 25 people dead.

Albanians represent a 1.7 million majority, compared to 200,000 Serbs, in Kosovo, an autonomous province of Serbia.

The indictment, which includes "counter-revolution," a communist phrase for political trials, carries a maximum penalty of death by firing squad.

Protesting his innocence, Vllasi told the court in Titova Mitrovica, 180 kms (110 miles) south of Belgrade: "I have not committed any criminal acts nor am I a criminal or a counter-revolutionary ... a stage-managed political trial has been prepared for me."

## Krenz on 'study' trip to Moscow

BERLIN, Oct 31, (AP): Communist Party chief Egon Krenz flew to Moscow today for talks with Kremlin officials, a day after almost half a million East Germans took to the streets to demand democratic reforms.

Last night's protests in nine cities were the largest in East Germany's 40-year history.

Krenz, making his first foreign trip since taking power nearly two weeks ago, has said East Germany has much to learn about reform from the Soviet Union. The new East German leader also has emphasised the Communist Party's leading role in his nation's society.

Krenz is expected to have wide-ranging talks with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on the course of East Germany's reforms.

West Germany's ARD television network said today the latest figures show nearly 500,000 East Germans staged protest rallies throughout the country of 16.6 million people last night.

Protests took place in Leipzig, Halle, Schwerin, Karl-Marx-Stadt, Cottbus, Magdeburg, Dresden, Poesneck and East Berlin, according to East Germany's state-run news agency ADN.

The protesters demanded free elections and freedom of expression and the press. Akmelle Kamera, East Germany's main evening news programme, said "about 300,000 people" rallied in Leipzig, a city of 650,000 residents. Activists said many marchers demanded the Communist Party give up its monopoly on power.

Witnesses also said protesters carried placards demanding legalisation of opposition groups.

ADN said 50,000 marched in Halle, 20,000 in Karl-Marx-Stadt and 5,000 in Poesneck. It said 40,000 protested in Schwerin, 15,000 in Magdeburg and that 20,000 marched in Cottbus.

Krenz will pay a visit to Poland's Solidarity-led government soon, the government daily Rzeczpospolita announced today.

## Bush, Gorbachev to hold shipboard summit

### Surprise Med meet announced by US, Soviets

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush will hold an unexpected shipboard summit in the Mediterranean in December, the two countries announced today.

Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze announced the Dec 2-3 meeting at simultaneous news conferences in Washington and Moscow.

"There hasn't been any discussion of agenda items or something we're going to take up," Bush said. He described the meeting as "a chance to put our feet up and talk."

"The upcoming talks between the Soviet and American leaders will be informal, aimed at allowing them to know each other better," Shevardnadze told reporters.

The unusual midwater summit was to be held one day on a US naval ship at sea, and the other day on a Soviet vessel.

Gorbachev has a Nov 29-Dec 1 trip to Italy scheduled, including a meeting with Pope John Paul II.

An arms control summit with Gorbachev will take place as scheduled next year, "separate and apart" from the two days of talks next month.

Bush told a hastily arranged White House news conference.

He said neither he nor Gorbachev expected "substantial decisions" to come out of the December talks.

"In this time of change, I didn't want to miss something," Bush said in explaining his decision to suggest a meeting. "I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communications."

"The fate of a lot of countries are wrapped up in how the United States and the Soviet Union get along and how the changes in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are managed," Bush told reporters.

Today's surprise announcement came at a time when Bush is under pressure from members of Congress to demonstrate more flexibility in responding to the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union and especially in other eastern European countries, including Hungary and Poland.

Gorbachev is under pressure at home to demonstrate that his policies of perestroika, or economic restructuring, can improve the daily lives of millions of Soviet citizens.

Bush said there was no formal agenda but that the two men would discuss a "wide array of subjects," and that the success of the summit should not be judged on whether decisions are reached.

He said he originally proposed the idea of the summit in July and got a "very prompt" and favourable reply from Gorbachev.

He said US allies were advised of the plans for the summit meeting earlier today and that they were enthusiastic.

Bush had previously balked at such an informal meeting with Gorbachev prior to next year's full-scale summit.

"What changed my mind on it was consultation with our allies, the rapidity of change in eastern Europe, the emergence of democracies in that hemisphere ...," Bush said.



Candlelit vigil

Riot police wielding truncheons repeatedly charged and clubbed demonstrators last night following a candlelight vigil outside KGB headquarters in memory of Stalin's victims.

In Moscow in more than 1-1/2 years, and came amid a more permissive political climate instituted under President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms.

The official Tass news agency said about 40 people were detained and accused protesters of "trying to create as much disruption as possible, to display anti-Soviet posters and shut anti-Soviet slogans."

## Hungary tackles thorny issue of electing president

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct 31, (AP): Parliament today went into the second half of a two-day session, tackling one of the thornier issues of the country's move toward democracy: when and how to elect a president.

The newly created presidency, with responsibilities including command of the armed forces, originally was to be filled in a Nov 26 popular vote. But two opposition groups

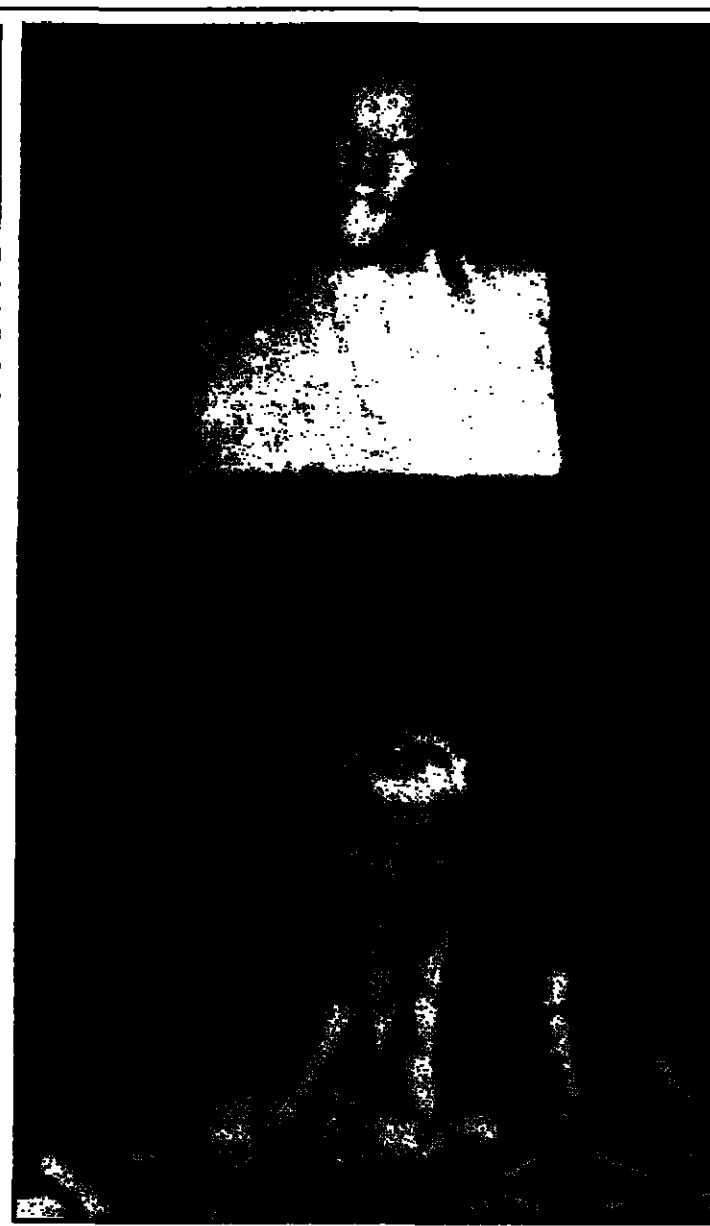
have collected more than 100,000 signatures on petitions calling for a referendum on the method and timing of electing the president.

The groups want the president to be chosen by the parliament after general elections, to be held by June. They saw that an election before then would give the ruling Socialist Party candidate, Imre Pozsgay, an unfair advantage.

Opposition groups claim they have not had

enough time to organise and make their candidates known.

The Socialist Party is the successor to the Communist Party, which disbanded itself at a congress this month. That was one of many moves which have put Hungary at the forefront of East bloc changes, along with Poland, where the bloc's first non-communist-led government took power in September.



Pravda editor meets press

The new editor of Pravda met the foreign press yesterday and offered some ideas for enlivening the Communist Party's flagship paper.

But Ivan Frolov told reporters that "we shall not seek to increase circulation at all costs" and indicated that weak commitment by today's communists was as much an issue as the paper's content in its flagging fortunes.

Only one week into his new job, the white-haired confidant of President Mikhail Gorbachev already has done something that would have been a surprise coming from his remote predecessor Viktor Ananasyev, who ran the paper for 13 years.

Frolov opened Pravda's 8th floor conference room to foreign correspondents and sought their questions. (Reuter wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**West demands news of dissidents:** Western nations demanded assurances from communist Bulgaria today about its treatment of dissidents.

Twenty of the 35 nations at a three-week environmental conference in Sofia made an official request to the Bulgarian government for information about seven prominent activists, including Anton Zaprzanov and Lyubomir Stojanov of the independent association for the defence of human rights.

Zaprzanov, who two weeks ago attended open sessions of the conference as an official guest of the US and British delegations, told dissidents in Sofia he had been told to leave the country or face prosecution for spying. (Reuter)

**Bulgaria to make charges:** Communist-led Bulgaria has decided to ride the wave of change currently sweeping East bloc countries as a plenum of the country's Communist Party was asked to convene Nov 10 to consider changes in the political system to match up with new concepts and requirements, the Sofia press agency reported today.

The agency said a report, to be delivered by the party's General Secretary Todor Zhivkov, which has

been published in advance, pointed out that the progress made so far in the country's development does not correspond to new concepts and requirements and that changes in the political system were necessary.

"In view of this, the draft of a new constitution is to be prepared and the functions of the party and state power, of the representative, executive and judicial bodies are to be reconsidered," the agency quoted the reports as saying. (Kuna)

**Call for new Polish party:** Communist Party members of parliament yesterday called for establishment of a new party that can meet the needs of a more democratic Poland.

Marian Orzechowski, chairman of the 173-member caucus in the Polish house or Sejm, said at a briefing the next party congress in January should launch a new party, "following the principles of democratic, pluralistic socialism."

Orzechowski distributed an open letter of the party caucus originally released Saturday which declared: "The party's time has run out. It stands at the threshold of political breakdown."

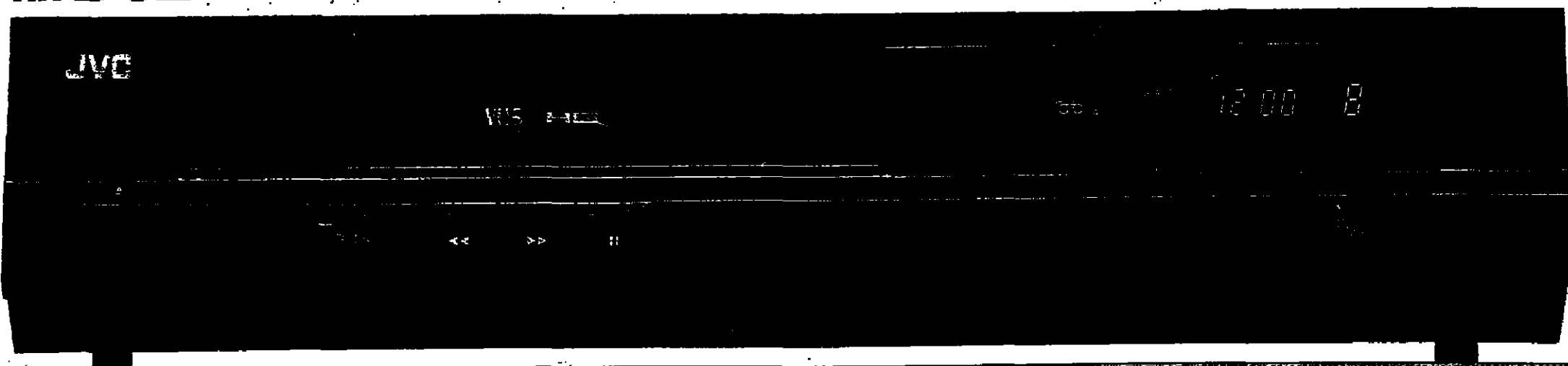
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## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Courses in journalism for Kuwaitis

## Local newspapers to impart training

SEVERAL meetings with editors-in-chief of local newspapers have been held by officials of the Ministry of Information to discuss the feasibility of these media to impart training to Kuwaiti youths in the art of journalism and its related specialisations.

Commenting on this issue, Yacoub Al Awadi, assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Information for financial and administrative affairs said that this move is designed to be one amongst the several intended to achieve the objectives of the

Kuwaitisation process.

He went on to state that to obtain optimum exposure from these training courses, officials of the ministry will further hold meetings with editors-in-chief of local magazines. Both meetings will explore the number of trainees that can be accommodated, along with the possibility of students being offered a course of lectures on the subject by specialists in the field of journalism and related information fields.

Commenting on the opening of a faculty

for information, Awadhi said that this project was introduced 15 years ago on the basis of establishing a department of information at the faculty of arts at Kuwait University and it is now expected that the department will be opened next year.

However, the official said that there is every likelihood that the ministry in future, the ministry may open a centre for organisation of such courses. This will depend to a great extent on the number of students that opt to register at these courses.

Officials of the ministry, in co-operation

with specialists will undertake studies on the visibility of the centre and these studies will be submitted to the minister of information.

Returning to the Kuwaitisation process, Awadhi said that the ministry had appointed about 500 Kuwaiti youths in different departments in one year. The youths have been appointed in majors that are needed by the ministry such as engineers, translators, accountants and technicians as well as other clerical jobs at the television and broadcasting station.

## New camel pox vaccine discovered in S. Arabia

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Water in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia has successfully developed a camel pox vaccine known as seed virus. The new vaccine's discovery came as a result of pioneering and lengthy experimental work which began in 1986 at the Ministry's National Centre for Agriculture and Water Research.

The new vaccine, the first of its kind, will significantly contribute to the protection of camels in the kingdom and the region. It will be used first on camels at experimental farms before it is manufactured for commercial use.

Due to its significance and the interest it may attract from scientific circles, the result of Saudi research and study will be published in leading journals and introduced in international scientific conferences.



Salem congratulates officer

Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammed Jaber Al Fahed from the Police College on the occasion of being conferred a Ph.D in Sociology, according to a release from the ministry's Public Relations Department. It added that the minister congratulated the Lieutenant-Colonel and urged him to apply the content of his thesis to his job. Fahed thanked Sheikh Salem for his kind gesture confirming that he will always aim for the good opinion of the minister.

## Manpower programme at API to start Nov 4

A SPECIALISED programme in planning and developing manpower will be organised by the Arab Planning Institute based in Kuwait.

The programme to be held from Nov 4-29 will be organised by the institute in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation.

The agenda of the programme is intended to develop qualifications of participants who work in fields of planning and developing manpower in Arab countries.

The programme will focus on studying concepts and terms used for inhabitants and manpower and on training in the use of personal computers in their day-to-day work.

Priorities will be accorded to studying population growth and related facilities, employment educational and training policies as well as overstaffing and overlapping in functions.

Meanwhile the training centre at the Ministry of Education has been directed to prepare scholarship and training courses plans.

# Private institutes sue Ministry of Education

## Trouble over coaching classes

CLOSURE of private institutions has left a large void on the educational scene and has left most parents and institutions in a dilemma.

The issue is being judiciously deliberated by Kuwaiti courts at the request of the Ministry of Education and institution owners.

A local daily interviewed a number of institute owners to highlight their reactions on this issue.

Generally speaking, they said that private institutes are licensed by the Ministry of Education in a manner similar to private schools. However, the former offer various cultural activities represented in the form of coaching classes, computer courses, languages, accounting and other professional programmes. These curricula are under the full administrative supervision of the Ministry of Education, owners claimed.

### Speciality

One of the owners stated that most private institutes concentrate their activities on coaching classes in addition to other additional subjects which have only begun appearing on the scene during the past ten years.

Some of these courses include

computer specialisations which are now being offered by many institutes on a large scale. Other activities include video, television surveying and other applied curricula.

Owners considered strengthening classes as playing a parallel role to schools. Most classes are being extended to students of the intermediate and secondary stages. Many parents benefitted from the expertise of these schools and have welcomed these services as they were a good substitute to bringing in private and expensive tutors to their homes. After the closure of the private institutions, owners said that several parents had complained of the exorbitant tuition fees they had to incur to employ private tutors.

### Closure

Due to the high-cost of private tutors, many parents have suffered — a ratio that is estimated at about 50 per cent, owners said.

Most parents prefer enrolling their sons or daughters in tutoring classes at private institutes than taking them to Kuwait Teachers Society for several reasons. Private institutes compete with each other to offer students better tutors in addition to the fact that students are classified according to their levels at schools.

Such a system is not implemented at Kuwait Teachers Society coaching classes and this added attention to educational development in minute detail is reflected in better results by private institutes, owners said.

The decision ordering the closure of coaching classes at private institutes came as a total surprise to all, owners said. The decision was forced by Kuwait Teachers Society, particularly by some beneficiaries working from the inside who figured that closure of private institutes will increase their financial gains up to KD two millions. These beneficiaries have claimed that institutes affected the educational operation inside schools, owners commented.

Owners added that coaching classes offered by Kuwait Teachers Society are not censored by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and as a professional society it receives support from the government.

Owners of private institutes have repeatedly met with all concerned officials in order to push forward the re-opening of institutes. However, all efforts failed completely and the issue was neglected.



Winners of the Made-For-Each Other contest L to R: Raveen & Betty Tanaghi, John Lewis & Barbara Coultnier and winners Nicholas Monteiro & Flora Smith.

## Breeze '89 a grand success

A THUNDERING success of 'Breeze 89' organised by the Tivim Centre-Kuwait sponsored by Rothmans and co-sponsored by Photo & Cine was witnessed on October 26 at the newly opened "Le Mirage" Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. A capacity crowd danced to the scintillating music provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Guest appearance was done by up and coming young musicians Equalizers.

An evening full of surprises started at the early stage and surprise gifts were given till the last seconds of the gathering. The main event of the evening was the Made-For-Each Other Contest. A record number of contestants took part in this event. At the end of this grueling task, a young couple Nicholas Monteiro and Flora Smith were declared winners to a thunderous applause.

First and second runners-up spots were claimed by Raveen & Betty Tanaghi and John Lewis & Barbara Coultnier respectively.

### Competitions

In the Ballroom Dancing Competition, Joseph Rebello and Lucy Rebello outshone Jerry & Flavia D' Souza who took the second spot. Joseph and Lucy with a perfect rhythmic sequence of dancing took away the coveted 1st prize outbeating many contestants. All eyes were glued to the floor as this unique competition took place for the first time in Kuwait.

The show was ably compered by popular face Lancy Mc'Ghee who kept the crowd enthralled throughout the function. The crowd was all praises for the young organisers who were making their debut on the social scene.



Winners of the Ballroom Dancing Competition Joseph Rebello and Lucy Rebello.

## Information symposium in Abu Dhabi

A SYMPOSIUM on Information Centres in Arab Gulf countries is scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi on Nov 18th will last for four days, according to the Director General of Information Centres at the GCC General Secretariat Mohammed Al Shatti.

Following his meeting with the Minister of Information of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Ahmed Ben Hamed, Shatti dealt with the necessary arrangement of the symposium.

### Development

The symposium is to be organised in co-operation with Baghdad based International Documentation Centre of the Arab Gulf countries and will be patronised by UAE's Minister of Information.

Shatti said that the symposium aims among other

things at highlighting the role and the importance of information centres for development and the decision taking process. He added that these centres should be given the necessary encouragement and support to realise its important objectives.

He added, whereas information plays a significant role in sound planning and since information is a salable commodity, the necessary concern to improve such material must be given either on individual or official level.

He added that the symposium will be attended by researchers, professors of various universities and representatives of various informational centres whose aim is to exchange expertise in the field of information.

## Different people, different tastes

# MPH commended for checking chicken farms

CHICKEN is considered one of the staple diets in Kuwait and the market has many kinds of fresh, frozen, live and freshly slaughtered chickens to suit the taste of the most discerning purchaser. The variety provides consumers several alternatives to select their choices in relation to taste, prices and weight.

A local daily interviewed a number of consumers to highlight the bases of their choices.

Jaddan Al Shemari, a consumer said that he prefers local chickens raised within Kuwaiti farms. He said that chickens raised in Kuwait are given high quality fodder consisting of chemicals and protein extracted from animal wastes. He indicated that chickens raised at Kuwaiti farms are not given fodder containing hormones intended to increase weight and size as these hormones are harmful to humans. Studies conducted at some Arab countries concluded that chickens fed hormone fodder contribute to kidney failure in humans.

### Monitoring

He commended the Ministry of Public Health for continued monitoring of the chicken farms in Kuwait which resulted in raising consumer confidence in this commodity. He added that in the eventuality he was unable to obtain live chickens, he would then opt to purchase the Kuwaiti frozen type. However, he said that he did not favour buying imported or frozen varieties or other types as he was uncertain of their standards of health.

In relation to prices of live and frozen chickens, Shemari said that the difference between these two varieties is insignificant and thus it is an added incentive to customers to purchase live chickens.

Ahmad Abdul Ghaffar, who sells and slaughters chickens at his shop said that he sells an average of 500 chickens each day at 550 fils per kilo. Each chicken he receives from the suppliers weighs on an average of 1.5 kilos. He said that after slaughter, chicken wastes are placed in bags to be picked up by cleaning company vehicles which arrive daily. He added that the municipality is very stringent in

maintaining that these wastes are not kept within the premises of the shop from a health point of view.

Ghaffar gave a brief idea on how to pick up a good chicken by saying that in the first place a consumer should look at the chicken breast. A dark coloured chicken breast means an unhealthy chicken. In addition, the active movement of the chicken shows that it is a good buy.

Hamdi Abdul Naeem, a chilled chicken dealer said that he sells 400 chilled chickens a day. He indicated that all slaughtering is conducted under the provision of vets. It is then cleaned and filled in bags which are then tagged to indicate weight, price and validity date.

He said that the price of chilled chicken is not expensive adding that the price of each chicken is tagged on the basis of weight in grammes. On the other hand, he said that he sells a daily average of 150 frozen chickens. He indicated that some consumers prefer to buy the chicken of a particular company on the basis of taste and fodder given to chickens while breeding.

Auf Saleem a consumer prefers frozen chickens because he said that it doesn't contain much fat and is tastier than live chicken. He prefers Danish frozen chicken because of its taste and the fact that it is cheaper than the live variety.

Mubarak Salem a consumer prefers to buy Brazilian frozen chicken because he said its meat is more dense and has less fat.

Abdul Hameed Al Ramadhan, the sales manager at one of the companies which specialises in selling and raising live, chilled and frozen chicken said that sales of live chicken is highest during the beginning and middle of each month. He stated that demand on frozen chicken is much higher than the demand on live and chilled chicken, because it is cheaper and has a short freezing period.

He indicated that most consumers consider the frozen type similar to the live or chilled type adding that many families buy a big amount of live chicken and freeze it for later use.

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## Quadriplegic divorced

THE Court of Personal Status has ruled in favour of a woman who requested separation from her husband on grounds of his being quadriplegic since February 1987.

The court has ordered the formation of a special medical council to examine the husband. Medical reports confirmed the husband to be a quadriplegic (paralysed in all four limbs), and as such he is incapacitated and

cannot perform his marital duties.

The ruling was also based on an evaluation of the case from the viewpoint of Islamic jurisprudence, in which case the separation was not treated as a divorce and consequently no divorce-related procedures would be applicable.

The plaintiff will go into "Edda" (the Islamic legal limited period for a divorced or separated woman to remain unmarried before she could remarry).

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# Mega petrochemical complex under study

## New investment strategy

LOCAL daily reported yesterday that Kuwait has begun applying a new strategy for petrochemical industries in light of its experiment in this field for the last 25 years. The report stated that the new strategy will be based on investment in petrochemical projects that need huge capital outlay in very sophisticated sectors that require advanced technology. Only large inter-

national companies or governments will have the capacity to invest in such projects. The new strategy comes from the experiment that petrochemical projects that do not require a huge capital outlay can easily be handled by individuals and small companies thus increasing the number of investors and production. This, however leads to difficulties in marketing

and sharply reduces the price of these products. The report added that factories with large capital and sophisticated equipment but with only a few investors do not have a problem marketing their products. It has been observed that simple petrochemical industries like ammonia and urea are mostly sold to agricultural countries in the Third World which cannot pay for

these products because they face a shortage of hard currency. Sophisticated products however are usually imported in rich industrial countries, with stable markets. The report said that the idea of establishing a mega complex for petrochemicals is being discussed with international companies.



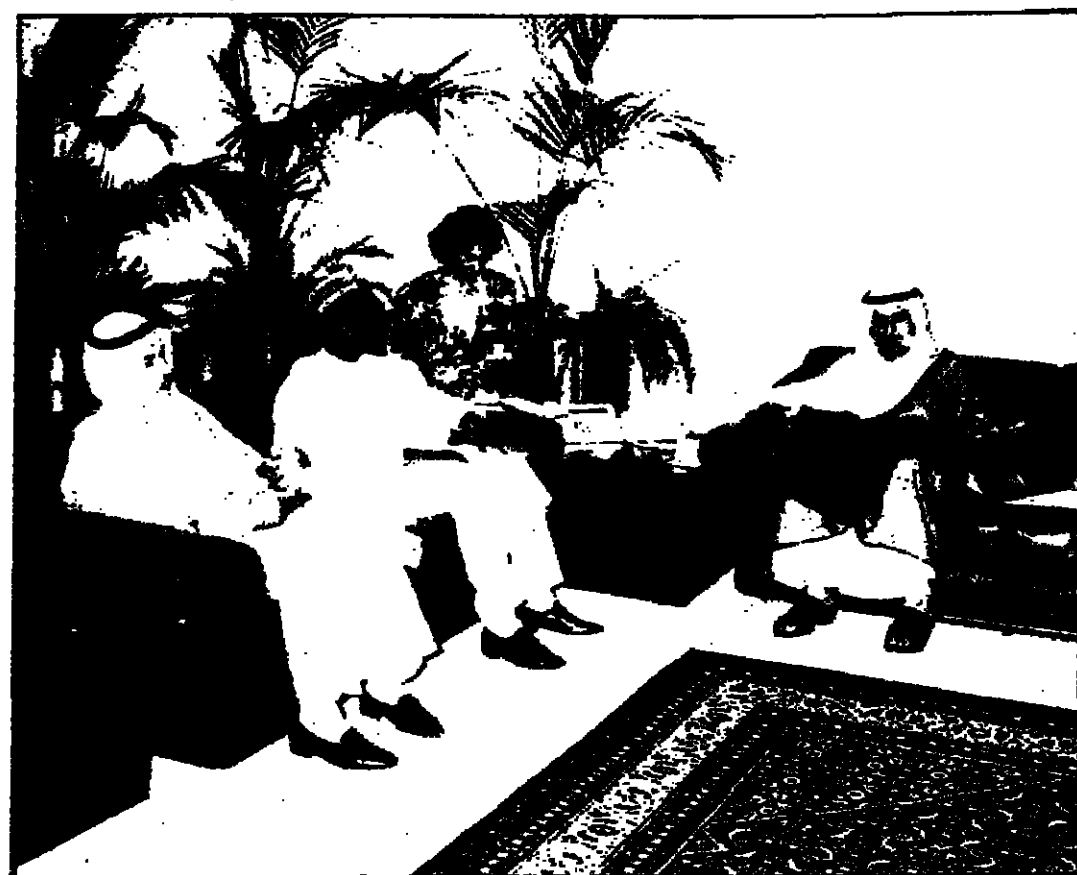
Interior Minister Sheikh Salem seen leaving Kuwait yesterday morning to attend the security conference in Riyadh.

## GCC interior ministers seek to combat terrorism

NICOSIA, Oct 31, (Reuters): Six Gulf Arab interior ministers met in Saudi Arabia yesterday to discuss plans to set up a security umbrella to combat terrorism and protect the oil-rich region. Bahrain's Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa Al Khalifa, told his Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) colleagues that greater efforts were needed to agree to "comprehensive security plans."

These plans cover areas beyond the borders of the GCC states and provide a security umbrella to protect joint aims and objectives," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted him as telling the meeting in Riyadh. Sheikh Mohammed did not spell out the plans but he said security forces in the six GCC member states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — co-ordinated closely in exchanging information. The six states, which together have more than 40 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves, have been negotiating a full security pact first proposed in 1983, two years after the GCC was established. Kuwait has said it has reservations on a clause calling for the extradition of criminals. "Let us stand in one rank against terrorism and terrorists

to safeguard our security and contribute with the civilised world in combating this destructive evil," Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz told the ministers. GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara said that, despite the ceasefire agreement which ended fighting in the Iraq war in August last year, more awareness was needed to "uproot terrorism and eradicate its outlets." "It is the duty of GCC states to co-operate to protect the region against terrorism ... and collectively confront all those trying to tamper with security," SPA quoted him as saying.



HH the Amir receives Gabid

His Highness the Amir yesterday received secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Hamid Al Gabid and discussed with him provocations against Muslims in some countries. The meeting was attended by Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majed Al Shahani. Speaking to Kuna following the audience, Gabid said he thanked the Amir for his initiative to host the first session of negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria in Kuwait. Gabid said HH the Amir expressed his satisfaction over the role played by the general secretariat of the OIC in making a success of the first round of Turkish-Bulgarian talks. He said the Amir, current OIC chairman, expressed concern over the situation of Muslim minorities around the world.

## Pancreas transplant: donor and patient in good health

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

HE first successful pancreas transplant in the Middle East was carried out on Oct 15. The four-hour operation was performed by professor and chairman of the Department of Organ Transplantation, Dr. George J. Bouma.

Arab Times interviewed both the donor and the recipient after they left the hospital. The recipient, M. Sayeed Taher, said that he is completely free from insulin since the operation, enjoying good health and appetite.

The donor said that a year ago he gave his brother one of his kidneys, and this year he gave his pancreas. Both brothers praised the effort of Dr. Bouma and encouraged people to donate an organ to save a relative's life.

Dr. Bouma said that pancreas transplant can come from a cadaver or from the relative of a diabetic person. Most transplants have come from cadavers and only 70 cases of pancreas transplantation have been carried out from living relatives. Most were done at the University of Minnesota and the one performed in Kuwait is number 71.

He added that the current success of pancreas transplantation has been about 70 per cent in any one year when it comes from cadavers and about 80 to 85 per cent when it comes from a living relative. Most pancreas transplants were done for patients who required kidney transplantation because of their kidneys failed secondary to the diabetes itself.

He said that most diabetic patients have other secondary complications besides kidney failure such as blindness, heart



The Taher brothers... encouragement.

disease, enteropathy, neurotherapy and other complications.

Pancreas transplantation is done either at the same time as the kidney transplant from the same donor or after one or two years after the patient has received a successful kidney transplant. Ideally, pancreas transplant should be done early before the many complications of diabetes such as kidney failure, heart disease or nerve disease affect the patient so that these complications may be prevented.

When the pancreas is transplanted in a diabetic patient, it is transplanted only for the purpose of preserving those islet cells that are scattered throughout the pancreas which is essential to make the necessary insulin for the body.

Dr. Bouma hoped that, in the future with the increasing success of pancreas transplantation and the availability of better immunosuppressive drugs to prevent

rejection, the operation will be more frequently offered to young people at an earlier stage of the disease in order to prevent serious complications of diabetes, like kidney failure.

Dr. Bouma added that pancreas transplantation from a living relative involves removing only 40 to 50 per cent of the pancreas. In a healthy person this is more than adequate to continue to provide all the insulin he requires.

With the improvement in techniques and with the discovery of better and more recent immunosuppressive agents, pancreas transplantation like liver and heart transplantation will continue to increase and the demand for the operations will rise every year. Because of this demand many centres throughout the world are now starting to embark on pancreas transplantation for diabetic patients. There are some 54 centres in the US and 30 in Europe.

## Needs of Failaka will be taken care of: Sheikh Saad

KUWAIT, Oct 31, (Kuna): HH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today visited the Failaka island accompanied by a number of ministers and government officials. On arrival, he was greeted by Failaka's mukhtar Abdul Latif Yaqoub Al Taher, a number of local officials and private citizens. Sheikh Saad visited the public cafe and then performed the noon prayers at a mosque. Afterwards Sheikh Saad received Failaka residents at the public cafe. Speeches were delivered by the Failaka

mukhtar who thanked His Highness for honouring the island with his visit. Another speaker was head of Failaka's Co-operative Society who also paid tribute to Sheikh Saad and referred to the needs of the islanders for certain services and public utilities. Sheikh Saad, in a reply speech, said he visited the island to get acquainted with the progress of all government projects and to listen to Failaka residents and officials about the affairs of the island. He assured them that the government was keen on implementing all vital projects in the island and pointed out

that the project under which drinking water would be pumped to the island was being given the due priority. He pointed out that the project's study had been completed and that it had been agreed that Failaka would be supplied with drinking water from the Sabbiya area. The Ministry of Electricity and Water also plans to set up a water refining station for emergency cases, His Highness added. He reassured his audience that the requests and needs of the island would be given the due importance they deserve

"by me personally and by the ministers." Sheikh Saad relayed to the islanders the greetings of His Highness the Amir and thanked them for their hospitality, expressing hope that such encounters would be repeated in the same fraternal atmosphere. Sheikh Saad then asked the islanders to put forth their suggestions and to express their needs. His Highness discussed those views with the locals and assured them that the points they raised would be taken into consideration and carefully examined.

## New five-year agricultural plan to boost self-sufficiency: Duaij

### National water sources to be developed

THE chairman of the board and director-general of the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah has said that the authority has prepared a five-year plan for agricultural development to be implemented during the first half of the 1990's. He told a local daily that the aims of the plan among other things, is to consolidate self-sufficiency in certain agro-products, enhance the agricultural sector, both horizontally and vertically and increase the volume of investments, including a number of projects concerned with stepping up food, animal and fish production to bolster self-sufficiency.

Sheikh Duaij said that the fish resources sector would under the five-year plan witness further development in response to major strategic and future requirements.

Special attention would be accorded to increasing Kuwaiti shrimp stocks and elevating production rates, whereby it would be possible to indulge in exports and set up a major financial tributary as a steady source of national income. Efforts would meanwhile be further exerted to rationalise public spending in accordance with new rectified bases.

The 1980's is a decade of distinct importance to agriculture in Kuwait, as during this period much has been done by way of administrative and professional development in the field of agriculture, including major achievements and accomplishments made in different related spheres, the official said.

He added that in the field of plant production, a special act on agricultural quarantine was issued at the GCC level for the protection of national plants from pesticides and infections passed via agricultural imports and that under this act special agricultural quarantines were set up on the borderlines of the memberstates, whether at land, sea or air. A tissue-culture lab was adequately equipped and staffed with high-calibre technicians and experts to undertake research, diagnose plant infections, and analyse insecticides to determine its effectiveness.

Palms Sheikh Duaij also said that a comprehensive survey was commissioned in Kuwait to count the existing number of palm trees, which number 300,000 and arrangements were made to hire

palm agriculture specialists from the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

The authority also carried out experiments in growing barley in Kuwait in Wafra and Abdali farmlands. The project involved 143 farmers, and the project site covered 5,177 hectares and the yield was 770 tons of barley.

He added that protected agriculture (greenhouse agriculture) was spread over a site area of 500 hectares, following the government decision to support plant production. Nurseries were established in Wafra and Abdali, with two pilot plant units for protected agriculture in the same locations.

During this period, Sheikh Duaij said that the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research was commissioned to undertake the preparation of a special strategy for the agricultural development plan up to the year 2000. A land survey of Wafra area was performed to establish its validity for agricultural exploitation before it could be segmented and distributed among farmers.

The authority has undertaken landscaping and afforestation projects in all places in the country, without exception, and planting works implemented in new urban localities, and similar long-standing works in old localities were brought to completion. The landscaping work in general was accorded special attention and added momentum in response to the noble wish of HH the Amir.

Afforestation As a result, he went on, school students were involved in planting numerous open spaces in different locations in the country, with support coming from the consumer co-operatives, public welfare societies, youth centres and people at large. About half a million trees and shrubs were planted during the Kuwait national celebrations marking the Greening Week in 1988.

A number of tenders were also invited for the construction of public gardens in various locations in the country, particularly where such a public facility was lacking, and a number of others were also invited to provide maintenance services to landscaped areas throughout the country.

The agricultural authority is currently enhancing the scope of afforestation projects in several locations, and a special campaign had been commissioned to plant thousands of trees, with the



Sheikh Duaij ... increase in projects

needed maintenance services to be provided through tenders, Sheikh Duaij said.

Construction of natural reserves in desert areas had started with the Kuwait National Park, a large area of natural reserve located in the north where wild birds and animals would be provided with a natural habitat. A number of other natural reserves located alongside the Kuwait coast, in Jahra and Sulubikhat, are also being planned.

In the field of animal production, Sheikh Duaij said that the authority had designated special land plots in Kabad and Wafra, within the framework of efforts to organise the red meat production sector. These areas would be used in raising sheep and cows, while contacts remained in progress to designate a similar site in Jahra for raising camels.

He pointed out that the number of land plots allocated for this project in Kabad was 2,300, with an area of 2,500 square metres each. Those allocated in Wafra for raising sheep and camel were 144 for the latter and 433 for the former. This project is expected to raise the number of sheep, cows and camel and consequently step up local red meat production.

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Licences were offered to citizens wishing to take part in raising livestock, and the agricultural authority had allocated land plots where this could be done, as part of efforts intended to protect national vegetation. Developments in animal health techniques had largely contributed to accomplishments made in the sphere of animal production, the official said.

He added that vet labs were set up to handle research concerned with poultry parasites and viral diseases, and others to deal with serious animals illnesses and infections, and specialist vets were provided for these labs in Abdali and Wafra.

Moreover, he continued, viral clinics were set up in Ahmadi, Jleeb Al Shiyoukh and one for camels in Jahra, while work at vet quarantines in Abdali, Nuwaiseeb, Salmi and at the airport had commenced. Amendments in the executive articles under certain veterinary acts were formalised, and a special act legalised the practice of veterinary medicine and authorised the setting up of vet clinics, while registration, selling, and trading in vet pharmaceuticals were regulated by an official decision besides authorising the establishment of vet pharmacies.

Courses were arranged and implemented for vet doctors and supervisors, in co-operation with international organisations and universities, coupled with the organisation of related symposia.

Fish resources and fish breeding witnessed major achievements which involved the furth-

erance of fish resources development, optimisation of fishing techniques which resulted in a rise in development rates by over 50 per cent and the national fish stocks increased by more than 70 per cent.

Fish and shrimp The application of rationalised shrimp fishing policies led to a rise by 100 per cent of shrimp catch during the season of 88/89. The programmes were developed and instituted into the previous five-year plan to increase fresh fish production. This has led to a steady increase in the catch percentage, while erroneous fishing patterns of fin fish and hunting in prohibited grounds was banned and the number of staff operating in the shrimp fishing sector was reduced.

This was coupled with commissioning application of scientific approach in fisheries and shrimp fishing management. Applied studies were carried out to solve problems of the seasonal and commercial fish through offering financial aid to sort out the existing situation, field workers, uplift their performance level and modernise fishing equipment with the intention of increasing productivity.

The agricultural authority has made provisions in its next five-year plan for attaining a national level of self-sufficiency regarding certain food commodities by way of contributing to the national food security strategy implementation which among other things included increasing investment capitals for the agriculture sector.

## Father sets son ablaze

AN irate father who is alleged to have burnt his son for flunking his secondary exams has been referred by the Criminal Court and has called for capital punishment in the case.

According to sources, investigations revealed that the father was visibly angered by his son's repeated failures at school. Matters reached a head when the parent learnt that the son had failed his

Secondary School Education Exams.

The father, it is alleged, tied up the boy and began giving him a real good "working over." The boy's screams brought his elder brother to the scene and he managed to rescue and untie him.

However, the father retied his son and after pouring kerosene on him set him ablaze. The boy's terrible screams were once again

heard by his brother who rushed again to save him and threw a blanket over him in a bid to extinguish the flames.

The victims screams also brought the mother to the scene and the boy was rushed to the Farwaniya Hospital. Unfortunately he was pronounced "Dead on Arrival". The case of death has been registered as a result of first-degree burns.

No further details have been released.



Kuwait International welcomes VIPs

Top VIPs of the Friendship and Peace Games Championship, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, President, Kuwait Olympic Committee and Antonio Samaranchi, President, International Olympic Committee were welcomed at the Kuwait International Hotel by Hermann Simon, General Manager.

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PEOPLE do not lack strength, they lack will — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

## Turkey's EEC bid raises high stakes

THE European Economic Community is about to answer Turkey's request for membership — but after keeping that country waiting for more than two years, the answer is likely to go no further than "maybe", EEC officials say.

Although anxious not to alienate a NATO ally, the community fears that Turkey's poverty, political turbulence and soaring birth rate could threaten its drive to ever closer union, the officials say.

And four centuries after Turkish armies were halted at the gates of Vienna, some Europeans are conjuring up the spectre of millions of Turkish workers invading the bloc in search of a better standard of living.

"Weighing Turkey's application is one of the most dramatic decisions we face," said one EEC official.

In the year 2000, Turkey will have 70 million inhabitants. We can't write blank cheques or make throwaway promises. At the same time, we can't throw the NATO alliance into the river. If Turkey is rejected, it could well decide to look the Middle East and turn its back on the West," the EEC official said.

The community has already said it cannot accept new members before it completes the single, barrier-free market planned for the end of 1992. Neutral Austria applied this summer.

But the whole debate has been reshaped by the upheavals in Eastern Europe and prospects of closer ties there, with EEC Commission President Jacques Delors calling for greater internal consolidation before the bloc expands any further.

Ozdem Sanberk, Turkey's ambassador to the EEC, said that even if Turkey has to wait a decade for entry, it needs assurances now that its bid will ultimately succeed.

"We need a signal for public opinion saying our place is in Western Europe," Sanberk told Reuters.

"Turkey's membership is something for the future but we need to make the necessary political and economic preparations now."

The former empire once dubbed the "Sick Man of Europe" has struggled for most of this century to turn itself into a fully-fledged Western democracy.

Turkey, a secular state with a predominantly Muslim population, has been angling for EEC membership since 1963, when it signed an association pact with the community.

While providing for the removal of several economic barriers, this made it eligible to join without guaranteeing entry. It formally applied for membership in April 1987.

"We see it as our right to expect that the doors be opened to us by our partners and allies with whom we share the same values," Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said during a visit to Strasbourg in September.

Apparently seeking to prepare public opinion for a disappointing reply, Ozal said in Ankara a few weeks later that continued ties with EEC were more important than setting a date for membership.

A report due to be published in the next few weeks by the EEC's executive commission analyses the economic situation in Turkey and assesses the likely impact of membership.

But its political conclusions are likely to be noncommittal, stressing the community's desire to intensify links, without setting a date for starting negotiations on accession, EEC officials say.

Some independent analysts believe that Turkey's chances of ever joining are slim.

"I cannot see the application succeeding not because people don't like Turkey but because it presents problems peculiar to itself," said Peter Ludlow, director of the Centre for European Policy Studies, a Brussels think-tank.

"There are profound social and cultural issues and there is also the sheer size of Turkey... it would quite seriously undermine the political structure. For instance, Turkish deputies would be a very big block in the European Parliament."

With the exception of Greece, which has said it will block Turkey's application until Turkish troops leave Cyprus, EEC governments have remained politely vague.

"In this whole business there's a lot of hypocrisy. The main issue is Turkish workers circulating freely in Europe," one West German diplomat said.

"In West Germany there is already a strong backlash against Turkish immigration but we cannot openly tell an allied government that we don't want too many of their nationals on our territory."

Although post-war Turkey has succeeded in overcoming three military coups, its standard of living is still well below that of the community's poorest state Portugal.

Turkey's westernised elite argues that EEC membership would accelerate the nation's development, even if this is at a high initial cost to the community, which pumps funds into poorer members to help them catch up. The community in turn could tap Turkey's big market and economic potential.

"Turkey will open up much faster to Europe," said Yasar Apaydin, a university-educated Turk who runs a family business in Belgium.

"The process now is really slow. Many immigrants who arrive in Europe have never even seen a big city before leaving home."

Holding open the door to Turkey has increased the community's influence there. The European Parliament, which has the final say on new EEC members, believes that its frequent criticisms of alleged Turkish human rights abuses have had some effect.

"It is important that we should not block the perspective of entry because it would mean we had no more leverage on the Turkish government," says Pieter Dankert, the Dutch socialist who heads the parliament's delegation to Turkey. (Brussels — Reuters).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1509 — Michelangelo paintings on ceiling of Vatican's Sistine Chapel are first exhibited.
- 1755 — Lisbon earthquake kills 60,000.
- 1765 — Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies, prompting stiff resistance from Americans.
- 1856 — War between Britain and Persia after latter occupies Horak.
- 1936 — Benito Mussolini proclaims Rome-Berlin Axis.
- 1940 — British bombers strike at Naples, Italy, for first time in World War II.
- 1945 — British announce that all evidence indicates that Adolf Hitler has killed himself in a bunker in Berlin.
- 1952 — United States explodes first hydrogen bomb in test at Entewotok in Marshall Islands.
- 1956 — States Reorganization Act comes into force in India; Jordan disallows use of Royal Air Force bases in operation against Egypt.
- 1961 — Eighty-five people are killed in Nationalist demonstrations in Algiers.
- 1963 — Army coup in South Vietnam, President Ngo Dinh Diem is assassinated.
- 1971 — Dance hall fire in Saint Laurent-du-Point, France, claims 142 lives.
- 1975 — Chinese troops ambush Indian security patrol along India's northern border, kill four men in first fighting flareup in eight years.
- 1977 — Amsterdam police announce release of kidnapped Dutch millionaire Maurits Caransa.
- 1987 — Top leader Deng Xiaoping resigns from governing body of China's Communist Party in effort to allow his reform-minded protégés to consolidate power.
- 1988 — Iran and Iraq hold face-to-face meeting after one-month break in UN-sponsored Gulf peace talks.

## Beirut's Shiite suburbs teeming

## Forbidden ground to foreigners

BEIRUT'S teeming Shiite suburbs have long been forbidden ground to foreigners. In the period since February 1984 when the Lebanese Army lost control of West Beirut to Islamic militia groups, few have dared to set foot there.

Rumours of hostages languishing in basement dungeons somewhere between the neighbourhoods of Bir Al Abed and Ouzai have been enough to dampen the fervour of the most enthusiastic. But now the situation has begun to change.

Behind the shift is Iran's new President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. He has convoked Hezbollah's top leadership at least three times since coming to power, according to moderate Shiite sources in Beirut.

Many of the hardliners in Hezbollah dislike the new tone of Iran's leadership.

Rafsanjani has urged peaceful coexistence between Lebanon's warring factions in addition to sounding a stern condemnation of kidnappings, says one Shiite cleric who was recently in Tehran.

Security sources in West Beirut confirm that Imad Mughniyah, who is reputed to be the chief artisan of the kidnapping of foreigners in the Lebanese capital, is under house arrest in Tehran, as are several of his more zealous surrogates.

No one in Hezbollah, to be sure, has been seized by a sudden warmth of feeling toward the United States, long guilty in the minds of most of coddling Israel, their most hated foe.

"It is the duty of every Muslim to liberate Al Qods (Jerusalem)," according to Zayyed, Hezbollah's district commander in Bir Al Abed.

Drawings of Al Aqsa mosque with a Star of David above it and the words "liberation, a duty," adorn walls throughout the southern suburbs. In addition, there is the slogan "Death to America" and the portrait of a young child crying as Israeli bombs fall on his head.

The stern visage of Ayatollah Khomeini is present on posters throughout the suburbs, overseeing the tangible achievements of his revolution.

Modern high-rise apartment blocks and well-organized social services have improved the lot of Lebanon's once-down-trodden Shiite minority, in part thanks to Iranian money.

Occasional palm trees and old Ottoman buildings with red tile roofs have survived urban sprawl in Bir Al Abed as have sand drifts, blowing in from the nearby Mediterranean.

About 85 per cent of the suburbs are controlled directly or indirectly by Hezbollah, which loosely surveys its turf by placing members in civilian dress to watch over most streets or buildings. Since Syria's demilitarization of the southern suburbs last January, armed Hezbollah checkpoints have disappeared from street corners.

Ahmed, a Hezbollah official with gentle eyes and a soft smile that belie the Kalashnikov rifle by his side, asked matter of factly what people thought of Hezbollah abroad. As if to anticipate the eventual negative response he insists, "We just try to live by the precepts of Islam. It is like we were in (the Iranian religious centre at) Qom here. People are very religious."

Hezbollah has gained popularity as the authentic Islamic resistance movement at the expense of the more Western-oriented Shiite militia Amal.

Amal has been practically evicted from the southern suburbs, although it remains strong in southern Lebanon.

"Amal is a tool of the Syrians," according to Ahmed. "The Syrians don't set foot in Bir Al Abed. And if they do, no one talks to them."

Not everyone is positive about Hezbollah. Mounir, a 19-year-old who also lives in the southern suburbs, is critical. "These people want to send us back to the Middle Ages."

In the streets, a radio can be heard broadcasting the Hezbollah radio station, which plays a liturgy to Imam Musa Sadr, the late Shiite religious leader who disappeared while visiting Libya in 1978. People beat their chests as a shikhs sings the incantation.

The home of Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's spiritual guide, is in the Beirut suburb of Hart Hreik, just up the road from the ruins of the former Palestinian refugee camp of Burj el Barajneh.

The scenery is lunar: buildings with stories collapsed upon each other and piles of rubble lining the streets.

Sayyid Fadlallah wastes no time in proclaiming his cause. "Violence by the Shiite community in Lebanon is a reaction to Israeli violence against it," he complains. "The foreign press call Shiites terrorists, but they never stop to condemn the Israelis who slaughter innocent children and civilians every time their planes raid Lebanon. Isn't that a crime?"

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President Rafsanjani: new tone

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## Victimless crimes in US

THE first victim of violent crime in the US is victimless crime. With all the mayhem that is going on in the streets these days, one can't expect the police to get too excited about a stolen pair of silver candlesticks or a television set.

Vivian Andrews discovered this when the hubcaps were stolen off her Toyota.

Red-faced and steaming mad she marched down to the 85th precinct and declared, "I wish to report a crime."

The sergeant was holding a drug-pusher's head on his desk with one hand while he searched the man's pants with the other. Then he pushed him in the direction of another officer and said to Vivian, "What kind of crime?"

"Someone stole my hubcaps."

The sergeant looked at her to make sure that she wasn't kidding and said, "We don't do hubcaps."

"What do you mean 'you don't do hubcaps'?"

"We stopped doing them years ago, about the same time that we decided not to do anything about stolen television sets, car stereos and silver candlesticks."

"A crime is a crime," Vivian protested.

"Those hubcaps mean as much to me as stolen cash means to a bank."

The sergeant threw a glass paperweight at a mugger who was being booked and shouted, "Tell him to shut up." He then turned to Vivian, "Please don't think that the police are cold and heartless about hubcaps. It's just that when it comes to serving the community, we can't give hubcaps the same priority we give to a drug lord being gunned down in the street."

"In normal times we might even send someone over to fingerprint your car, and try to match the prints against every known convict in the city. But these are not normal times."

"What about the FBI?" Vivian wanted to know.

"The FBI can only intervene if the hubcaps are transported across state lines. They have problems, too. They're using their entire force to guard Felix Bloch, and so they decided several months ago to cut back on solving hubcap crimes."

"You people really don't care about petty crime any more. All you're interested in is stuff that can put you on the evening news."

"That's not true. We're really falling behind these days, and if we rounded up every hubcap thief in town, we would never catch the few people who deserve to be locked up." With that, the sergeant whacked a fly with his night stick.

"So what are you going to do?" Vivian asked again.

"Lady," the sergeant told her, "I am going to make out a report on your hubcaps and put it in a file with stolen fur coats, credit cards and punch bowls."

Vivian was impressed. "Here's the form," she said, handing Vivian a card with the officer's name and phone number on it.

The sergeant looked at his calendar. "Let's see, today is Tuesday. I won't be able to get the entire precinct on the case until Wednesday. We'll put out on all-points bulletin this afternoon, so let's say we'll crack your case by Friday."

Vivian said, "That seems more than fair. My friends warned me that with the increase in crime you wouldn't be able to solve the theft until next week."

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## Quote me

"She likes an argument." Some people find it difficult to argue with a woman prime minister, so they rather tend to shrivel up and feel resentful. The answer is actually to argue back. You'll find yourself being contradicted and sometimes told you don't know what you are talking about. But if you persevere... you gain ground." — Douglas Hurd, British Foreign Secretary, calling on government members to be more persuasive.

"I thought the A's were the best team last year and this year they were a club on a mission. They have great defence, great pitching and great hitting. We got beat by the world champions. They outpitched and outplayed us. Top to bottom the A's are great." — San Francisco Giants manager Roger Craig acknowledging the all-round skills of the Oakland Athletics.

"Living in Oakland I know more than anyone about what happened. But we had a professional obligation to complete the series and we had a reason to win this for ourselves." — Oakland A's ace Dave Stewart trading a thin line when asked about their winning of the Baseball World Series by thrashing the Giants 9-6.

"The prime minister and foreign minister... have staked an unprecedented claim in diplomatic history — to nominate both the Israeli side and the adversary, the enemy." — Abba Eban, veteran Israeli statesman, assailing government leaders for trying to nominate both delegations to projected Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

"Economic reform is necessary but the medicine has had such a devastating effect on the patient that he is gasping for his last breath." — Soji Akimura, a senior journalist, summing up austerity measures in Nigeria prescribed by the IMF.

"I had a dream in 1962 that one day I would become a successful businessman. I told my South African friend about it and he didn't believe me then. Now he does. South African Johannes Makoff, now worth more than \$2 million, on his youth dream of becoming successful."

"With an issue as divisive as autonomy has proven to be, people who stay away from the polls could sway the vote one way or the other. Those who believe that the autonomy law should be rejected but fail to deliver their vote, run the risk of losing by default." — Philippine President Cory Aquino urging people not to boycott the referendum on autonomy for Mindanao.

"We have to remember those who lost their lives in the minefields and along the barbed wire and in the waters of the Spratly river." — An unidentified speaker to a crowd at a communist-sponsored debate for those killed while fleeing over the Berlin Wall to the West.

"Together we will win on November 5th. Our land, our society, our economy and our institutions are at a crossroads." — Former Greek premier Andreas Papandrou predicting a second time around as premier in next week's election.

"I've never really worn a skirt." Someone gave me a skirt and then someone gave me a skirt. I don't even know who it was." — Patty Murren, after her defeat by Zina Garrison in Virginia Slims of New England match.

## Defying taboos and sceptics

## Women stand for Jordan's parliament

DEFYING taboos and sceptics, 12 women are standing for Jordan's parliament, so far a male preserve, in general elections on Nov 8.

And one of them has run headlong into extraordinary conflict with Muslim conservatives who accused her of apostasy from Islam.

The case, carrying echoes of Iran's death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for insulting Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses," shocked many Jordanians proud of the tolerance in their society.

Two men, including a religious official attached to the army, charged women's rights advocate Toujan Al Faisal with atheism and apostasy in a case without precedent in Jordan.

They want an Islamic sharia court, which normally deals with more mundane affairs of marriage, divorce and inheritance, to declare her a legal non-person, dissolve her marriage and grant immunity to anyone shedding her blood.

"Extremists are trying to make an example of me and to hush the voices who contradict them," Faisal told Reuters before a court hearing on Saturday deferred the case until Nov 9.

The Muslim Brotherhood, Jordan's biggest Islamic group, denied organising the Faisal case, which a spokesman said was an attempt to discredit the movement.

But it offered no sympathy for Faisal, former presenter of a television programme on women's issues, who has challenged conservative Muslim views on topics like wife beating and polygamy.

"We don't agree with the case and we don't disagree with it," the spokesman said.

In the fevered campaign atmosphere preceding Jordan's first general election in 22 years, the case turned a spotlight on the social and political status of Jordanian women.

King Hussein said in a pre-election address that religion should not be used for political ends, adding that some Muslim preachers seemed more concerned with the way women dressed than with their role in society and the family.

The Muslim Brotherhood, fielding 26 candidates and backing 15 others, says women should



King Hussein

obey religion and their husbands. They should stay at home and rear children or work in certain suitable professions such as teaching or nursing.

"We are not against women working in jobs that maintain their dignity, honour and purity and do not expose men to temptation," said Ali Hawadeh, a Brotherhood candidate.

"But should men sit at home while the women work, especially since they spend all their money on makeup, clothes and hairstyles and do not give money to the family?" he asked.

Hawadeh said the West was trying to corrupt

sexual morals in Jordan "so that when Israel expands it will find a collapsed people with no economic or moral resistance."

Women won the right to vote and to stand for parliament in 1974, but none contested any of the by-elections held since then.

The 12 women candidates see meeting the election challenge as more vital than victory in a country where tribal tradition, religious strictures and sheer prejudice remain strong.

"My basic aim is not to win as much as to raise the level of awareness among women regarding their election rights," said Huda Fakhoury, a Cairo-trained dentist standing as an Arab nationalist in the mainly rural Balqa governorate.

"Women's awareness of their role in the election has not yet matured," said candidate Haifa Al Bastur, head of the General Federation of Jordanian Women. "They have limited means to finance a costly race and little experience in public work."

Bastur said it might be worth reserving some seats for women under their participation in public life was fully accepted. Under present rules, 18 seats are reserved for bedouin and the Christian, Circassian and Shishan minorities.

No organised feminist movement has developed in Jordan and women candidates have not focused only on women's rights.

"We nominated ourselves like any other Jordanian citizens seeking a share in tackling the country's problems," said Janet Al Mufti, daughter of a former prime minister.

Women form about 12 per cent of the workforce of 550,000. Two have served as cabinet ministers but none has held a top post in the judiciary and few have become senior civil servants.

Women who voted in past by-elections tended to follow their husbands' preferences and many may do so again. Many men see women as second-class citizens unfit for public office.

"I won't vote for a woman no matter how good she is," said Hassan, a British-educated engineer. "We can't take any chances in critical times. We need the right man in the right seat." (Amman — Reuters).



## I spied for Israel, Bazoff admits

BAGHDAD, Oct 31, (Reuters): A British-based journalist confessed on Baghdad Television today that he had spied for Israel.

Farzai Bazoff, an Iranian living in Britain, was arrested last September while on assignment in Iraq for the British Sunday newspaper the Observer.

He said: "In 1983 I got to know some Israeli intelligence officers as friends and in 1987 I was recruited by the Israeli intelligence agents who live in the United Kingdom under different covers."

The Observer said last month Bazoff covered elections in Iraq's Kurdistan region and then went to the Al Iskandariya area south of Baghdad to investigate reports of an explosion.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Algeria quake toll

ALGERIA, Oct 31, (Reuters): Algeria today revised sharply upwards the number of people wounded in last Sunday's powerful earthquake centred west of the capital.

A new official toll read on Algerian radio kept deaths unchanged at 23, but put the number of wounded at 746, more than three times higher than earlier estimates.

### King holds talks

MUSCAT, Oman, Oct 31, (AP): British Secretary of State for Defence Tom King held talks here today with Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence, Faher Al Saeed, at the start of a two-day visit, his first to the Gulf state.

King is scheduled to see the ruler, Sultan Qaboos, aboard the royal yacht Al Saeed tomorrow, Western diplomatic sources said.

### Philharmonic tour

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 31, (Reuters): The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will make its first tour of Israel next April following the death this year of veteran conductor Herbert von Karajan, barred by Israel because of his Nazi links.

Stefan Schuster, press spokesman for the West German embassy in Tel Aviv, told Reuters the Philharmonic would give three concerts on its own and a joint benefit performance with the Israeli Philharmonic. Exact dates for the tour are yet to be announced.

### No re-publication

AMMAN, Oct 31, (Kuna): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has affirmed that he will not allow re-publication of the Palestinian paper Al Aqaba (The Return) which is based in Occupied Jerusalem.

Rabin, answering a query by a Knesset member and reported by Radio Israel, monitored here today, said the two press offices run by Dr Sami Nusseibeh and Raddwan Abu Ayash will remain closed.

### Iraq accuses Iran

BAGHDAD, Oct 31, (Reuters): Iraq yesterday accused Iran of violating their Gulf war ceasefire more than 71 times in the last two weeks.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Iraq's UN envoy handed UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar a list of what Baghdad termed violations of the August 1988 ceasefire.

### Military exercises

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct 31, (AP): US and Egyptian military forces will hold joint military exercises in Egypt Nov 11-17, the air force commander said yesterday.

Gen. Alaa Barakat said warplanes from his command will participate in the manoeuvres, but he refused to give details beyond commenting on the significance of the exercises.

### Battle casualties

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, Oct 31, (Reuters): Turkish soldiers and two separatist Kurdish rebels were killed in a gun battle in southeastern Turkey, officials said yesterday.

The fighting erupted in a rugged area near Lice in Diyarbakir province on Saturday night and continued into Sunday.

### Kurdish rebels claim

BAGHDAD, Oct 31, (Reuters): Kurdish rebels said today they ambushed and killed an Iranian Revolutionary Guards division commander who had been active in the region.

A spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran said its rebels fired at an army car carrying the head of the Naji-Akram guards division in northwest Iran, near Paveh town by the border with Iraq, on Oct 11.

### Libya allows probe

ROME, Oct 31, (Reuters): Libyan authorities yesterday allowed an Italian police doctor to examine the body of Roberto Coccolo who was killed last week during a wave of anti-Italian feeling in Tripoli, the Italian news agency Agi said.

The agency said doctor Arturo Pozzo, accompanied by a senior police official and a forensic expert, arrived in the Libyan capital at the weekend to join an investigation into Coccolo's death.

### Mengistu stance

ADDIS ABABA, Oct 31, (Reuters): President Mengistu Haile Mariam took a tough new line against rebels in northern Ethiopia today, saying he would not talk peace until they withdrew from recent advances. He urged Ethiopia's one-party parliament to scrap development projects and so free more resources for the war effort in Tigray province.

### Bashir accuses

KHARTOUM, Oct 31, (Agencies): Sudan's military strongman condemned the Ethiopian government for allowing Sudanese rebels to launch a cross-border assault that forced the army to abandon a town to the attackers. In a speech last night, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir characterised the attack on the post Kinkab as "unjustified... aggressive."

# Shamir may cancel US visit if Bush refuses meeting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 31, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has hinted he might cancel a planned visit to the United States next month if US President George Bush refuses to meet him.

Relations between the Jewish state and its closest ally have been strained in recent weeks over a proposed US formula for Palestinian-Israeli talks which Israel has declined to accept.

Asked if he would make his mid-November visit even if Bush declined to meet him, Shamir told Israel Television yesterday: "It depends."

He said Washington still had not

informed him of a definite time for a meeting with Bush, but told the television he still had not decided to cancel his trip.

The authoritative Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that Shamir was likely to cancel his trip within a few days if the White House failed to respond to the right-wing leader's request for a meeting.

Earlier yesterday Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres accused Shamir's Likud Party of wasting time by avoiding a decision on the five-point formula proposed by US Secretary of State James Baker.

Peres said there was "almost pathetic" quibbling over the terms for the proposed talks with Palestinians in Cairo over elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir and his Foreign Minister Moshe Arens have objected to two of the five points and asked Baker to amend them to give Israel a veto over the Palestinian delegates and to ensure the talks cover only Israel's election proposals.

Contrary to reports of deadlines and imminent showdowns, Baker says he does not expect a "make-or-break" decision on Mideast negotiations while

he is on an eight-day visit to Australia.

Baker leaves late today for talks with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and also to attend a meeting in Canberra of 12 nations considering the formation of a new economic compact to foster free trade and an open-market system.

As he prepared to depart, Baker said he was reviewing his five-point proposal for Mideast talks at Israel's request. But, he told the Associated Press in an interview: "I don't anticipate we will have definitive answers—either yes or no—before I get back from Australia."

He said Arens may be travelling in Asia during the period, and "we may continue to talk." But, Baker added: "I would guide you off of looking for either a make or break on this thing before the trip is over."

Baker's proposal gave Israel assurances it would talk only to a Palestinian delegation it found satisfactory. He also said he was not pressuring Israel to deal with the PLO.

Recent reports from Israel suggest Baker is close to a decision on whether to keep trying. Shamir was quoted last Tuesday as saying there was "no large gap" between the two approaches and

"in a few days we will know if there is an agreement or not."

But Baker disputed his month-long effort was at a critical point.

"I have not put any deadlines down and we will continue to try and work the problem," he said. "But I really don't anticipate it's going to make or break before we get back from Australia."

The exiled Palestine patriarch of occupied Jerusalem has joined Christian patriarchs in Israel in demanding an immediate lifting of siege imposed on the West Bank village of Beit Sahur for more than 40 days now.

## Maronite clerics warn of partition

BEIRUT, Oct 31, (Agencies): Maronite Christian clerics warned Christian Army Commander Michel Aoun today that his rejection of an Arab-sponsored peace agreement could lead to the partition of war-torn Lebanon.

But a source close to General Aoun said he would block any attempt by parliament to elect a new president, the next stage in implementing the plan.

The clerics said in a statement: "The accord has divided the Lebanese into those rejecting it and those endorsing it... this division in views has its great dangers, which if not contained, can lead the country to partition."

It was issued after a three-hour meeting chaired by Lebanon's highest Maronite religious leader, Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, at his seat in Bkirik, northeast of Beirut.

Aoun, who launched a "war of liberation" in March to oust the 33,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon, rejects the pact because it fails to guarantee the rapid withdrawal of the Syrian army.

But the accord has the support of all Christian parties, militias and religious leaders, including Sfeir.

Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi contacted Lebanese officials for a sixth day yesterday for parliament to convene by November 7 to elect a head of state.

In Damascus, acting parliament speaker Hussein Hussini, a Shiite Muslim, told reporters after talks with vice-president Abdel Halim Khadham that he would announce a date and venue for the session after he returned to Beirut and conferred with Ibrahim.

Meanwhile Lebanon's Syrian-backed Muslim Prime Minister Salim Hoss appealed to Arab states in an interview to Qatari daily Al Raya today to help to rebuild his country.

Hoss said the peace pact agreed by Lebanon's deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last week "opened a new horizon for an impending solution."

He said his endorsement of the accord "was meant to be a step towards achieving a settlement and convening parliament."

Amin Gemayel, Lebanon's last president, backed an Arab-brokered peace plan for his country yesterday but objected to Syria's continued military presence.

In his first statement since 58 Lebanese parliamentarians signed the accord in Taif, Saudi Arabia, on October 22, Gemayel praised the agreement's provisions for political reforms.

Saudi Monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz has called on Lebanese leaders to contain marginal differences that might hinder the implementation of the Taif agreement on national reconciliation.

Nick Rahall, the congressman from West Virginia who defied the State Department by going to Beirut, said yesterday he showed people there that America cares and gave a prominent Lebanese leader some down-home political advice.



President-elect Turgut Ozal waves to the surrounding deputies as he leaves parliament after the third round of voting. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Kabul retakes major highway

KABUL, Oct 31, (Reuters): Afghan troops wrested back control of the vital Salang highway today after a devastating missile attack on rebels who had closed the road for nine days.

Some 100 trucks carrying food had arrived in the Afghan capital by nightfall today. Many more were expected tomorrow along Kabul's lifeline to the Soviet Union.

The threat of ambush by fighters loyal to rebel commander Ahmad Shah Masood had left more than 1,000 trucks carrying vital supplies stranded in the north of Afghanistan for more than a week, officials said earlier.

Afghan government spokesman Mohammad Amani said today more than 200 rebels had been killed by Soviet Scud missiles—which raze an area several hundred metres around their point of impact—launched from bases in Kabul.

Troops first warned civilians living along the road to "separate themselves" from Masood's men or be caught in the battle zone, Amani said.

"The government talked to the

# Ozal first civilian head in decades

## Opposition boycotts Parliament session

ANKARA, Oct 31, (AP): The Parliament today elected Premier Turgut Ozal president for a seven-year term, opening the way for a change of government under the new premier.

In a session boycotted by all 155 opposition members of Parliament, 263 deputies from Ozal's ruling Motherland Party voted for him.

Fethi Celikbas, the only other candidate and a member of Ozal's of democracy in Turkey.

Ozal became Turkey's first civilian president since 1960 and the first premier to move up to the highly respected but mainly ceremonial post.

"I will work with all my power to maintain national unity," Ozal, 62, told cheering Motherland deputies in the Parliament chamber.

"We have entered the era of the controversial presidency... it will be a continuation of his Prime Ministry," Deniz Baykal, deputy leader of the chief opposition Social Democrat Populist Party, told reporters.

Ozal's premiership automatically came to an end with his election. He also has to resign from his party membership.

Deputy Premier Ali Bozer will serve as caretaker premier until Ozal names a deputy from his Motherland Party to form a new government.

Ozal takes over from President Kenan Evren when his term expires on Nov 9.

The president has little executive power. He can veto legislation but Parliament can overturn his vetoes. He can refuse to appoint cabinet ministers suggested by the premier but this authority has been used sparingly in the past.

The president appoints members of the constitutional court, university presidents and several other high level officials.

The constitution says the president represents the integrity and the unity of the nation and Turks take this seriously, surrounding the office with an aura of constitutional royalty.

The president can be impeached only on charges of high treason and otherwise is not accountable for the use of his executive powers.

He cannot be re-elected for a second term.

Analysts have said 62-year-old Ozal, who has had heart bypass surgery, wanted the less strenuous job for reasons of health and political prestige.

Hours before the presidential balloting Ozal polled deputies from the Motherland Party on the choice of the future premier. Ozal submitted a list of 18 names, all Parliament members and many included in his cabinet, and asked deputies to choose four names they favoured as well as four they were strongly against.

The result of the poll has not been disclosed.

The list included Deputy Premier Ali Bozer, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, Finance Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli, Justice Minister Oltan Sunugur, Communications Minister Cengiz Tuncer, former Education Minister Hasan Celal Guzel and former Finance Minister Kaya Erdem.

Ozal's candidacy drew protests from his own party as well as the opposition. Four deputies from the Motherland Party resigned from their party and not all members of the 285-strong Motherland parliamentary group voted for him.

A Gallup poll published by the national daily Sabah last Saturday showed that only 27 per cent of respondents supported an Ozal presidency. Another poll published by the daily Hurriyet

party, received 14 votes.

Ozal was elected on the third ballot, after having failed to muster the required two-thirds majority of 300 votes in the first two ballots on Oct 20 and Oct 24. A simple majority was sufficient on the third ballot.

In a brief speech after his election, Ozal thanked the Parliament and said the election of a president from within the legislature was a "victory



Outgoing Turkish President Kenan Evren is being given a farewell salute by army generals in Ankara. (Reuters wirephoto)

showed support of 19.3 per cent. The opposition, citing the stinging defeat of Ozal's party in nation-wide local elections in March, has said the election of Ozal as president would be against the spirit of the constitution if not its letter.

They also claimed that Ozal, the first premier attempting to become head of state, could not be the non-partisan president required by the constitution.

## Masked men kill two nurses Beit Sahour siege lifted

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 31, (UPI): Two Palestinian nurses suspected of collaborating with Israel were stabbed to death in the occupied Gaza Strip, Palestinian and military sources said today.

Last evening, masked Palestinians repeatedly stabbed the women, sisters living in Mutzabach village who worked as nurses in Nasser hospital in the nearby town of Khan Yunis, the sources said.

Suriya Ahmed Al Gadi, 22, and her 19-year-old sister Samiya Ahmed El Gadi, were taken to Nasser hospital where they later died, the sources said.

Gaza residents said the women were suspected of assisting Israeli authorities, Palestinians sources said. Israeli security services were investigating the killings.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army today removed roadblocks and ended a six-week campaign of confiscation raids designed to break a Palestinian tax rebellion in West Bank town of Beit Sahour.

On Thursday, a nurse at Nasser hospital was stabbed and beaten to death while working at the hospital. Residents said she

was suspected of collaborating. Also in Gaza last night, security forces destroyed the home of Faleh Ahmed Hadi Naka, 25, in Absan village, Palestinian and military sources said.

Naka has been in detention for four months on suspicion of membership in a popular committee of the underground uprising leadership, the sources said.

During clashes today in the Rafah refugee camp, soldiers fired tear-gas and rubber bullets at demonstrating students, injuring five of the students, Palestinian sources said.

In Jerusalem, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at a municipality building near the Jaffa gate in the old city, causing no damage or injury, a municipality spokesman said.

Israel is to close schools in the occupied West Bank for two months from Nov 13, the occupation authorities announced yesterday.

The operation in Beit Sahour was the army's first concentrated show of force designed to break a Palestinian tax boycott. The Palestinian civil disobedience campaign has been a key element of a 22-month-old uprising

against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

Beit Sahour, a predominantly Christian town of 10,000 near Bethlehem and the site of the biblical shepherds' field, has been a stronghold of the tax boycott.

As soldiers removed their blockade, about 300 to 400 of defiant residents took to the streets proclaiming victory. They celebrated singing the Palestinian anthem, "Biladi, Biladi, My country, my country."

One celebrant said, "we stood up to the army, and we won."

Israel's West Bank military governor, Brig. Gen. Shaike Erez, also claimed victory saying he was "convinced the tax rebellion is broken," Israel radio reported.

During the six-week closure of the town, foreign diplomats, church leaders and journalists were barred from entering the town.

In the raids, soldiers seized property valued at 3 million shekels (\$1.5 million) from 398 debtors, an army communiqué said. It said 33 motor vehicles along with cash and money in bank accounts were seized in lieu of taxes.

## Maghreb to build links with Africa

RABAT, Oct 31, (Reuters): Five north African countries linked in a new regional bloc—the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)—plan to strengthen ties with Arab and African groups, Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdellatif Filali said today.

Speaking after the first meeting of AMU foreign ministers in Rabat, Filali said the union had also set up four committees—on food and agriculture, financial and economic affairs, institutions, and human resources—to hasten integration.

The political and economic bloc linking Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia was created in February to mirror the European Economic Community (EEC) across the Mediterranean.

In a statement, Filali said the meeting "ended with positive results allowing one to envisage the future with optimism."

The Maghreb states will develop their ties with Arab groups such as the Gulf Cooperation Council and Arab Organisation for Economic Co-operation, similar African blocs, and the EEC, he said.

## Shamkhani made navy chief as Khamenei shakes up military

NICOSIA, Oct 31, (AP): Iran's new navy commander, former Revolutionary Guards minister Ali Saleh Shamkhani, was installed today amid a major shake-up in the upper echelons of the military that began in September.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, stressed at the ceremony in Tehran that Shamkhani's transfer to the regular forces underlined the unity of the Islamic Republic's defence forces.

Khamenei, who is commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces, appointed Shamkhani, 34, yesterday to replace Rear Adm. Mohammad-Hussein Malekzadegan, who is in his late 40s.

Shamkhani, an urban guerrilla during the 1979 Islamic revolution and who commanded several successful military operations during the eight-year war with Iraq, was made a rear admiral.

Khamenei told Shamkhani he was promoted because of "your valuable services and great endeavours in the scenes of war and victorious missions, and the sensitive duties in the Islamic

Republic Guards Corps."

Malekzadegan commanded the Iranian Navy for the last three years of the Gulf war before fighting was halted in August 1988 when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

During his tenure, several key Iranian warships were sunk or severely damaged in battles against the US Navy in the Gulf.

Theran Radio, announcing the move, quoted Khamenei as praising the "great strides" made by the 14,500-man navy under Malekzadegan.

It gave no reason for his abrupt dismissal. But several ranking officers in the navy were arrested earlier this year for spying for the US Central Intelligence Agency.

They and other alleged CIA agents are scheduled to make public confessions Saturday, the 10th anniversary of the storming of the US embassy in Tehran Nov 4, 1979.

Iraq claimed last Saturday that two Iranian gunboats fired on an Iraqi tug last week in the Gulf, killing a crewman. Malekzadegan, who was conducting naval exercises in the waterway

at the time, denied Baghdad's allegation.

Irna said today Malekzadegan has been appointed an adviser to Khamenei, a move seen as a demotion.

He is the highest-ranking officer to lose his post in the shake-up launched by Khamenei, the key ally of President Hashemi Rafsanjani, amid a major rearmament programme following the Gulf war ceasefire.

Khamenei made major changes in late September in the command of the 350,000-strong Revolutionary Guards Corps under Mohsen Rezaei, who has been the force's military chief since June 1982.

He also appointed Hassan Firouzabadi, 38, deputy chief of the armed forces headquarters, as army chief of staff Sept 28 and named Brig. Gen. Ali Shabbazi chief of the joint staff of the armed forces.

The shuffle followed the merger of the Revolutionary Guards Ministry and the Defence Ministry, which oversees Iran's regular forces, earlier this year to streamline the military chain of command.

Shamkhani was named Revolutionary Guards minister in September 1988, in a major shakeup following a series of military defeats in the closing stages of the Gulf war. He replaced Mohsen Rafiqdoust, Rafsanjani's brother-in-law.

Shamkhani lost that position in August when Rafsanjani, announced his government and appointed Akbar Torjan, minister of defence and armed forces logistics.

Torjan, who will wield more influence than any of his predecessors, is a close Rafsanjani aide and was formerly head of the defence industries organisation that built up Iran's military industry and developed weapons systems during the war.

The Revolutionary Guards and the regular Army, Air Force and Navy remain separate formations, despite earlier moves to merge them.

Political and military rivalry between the regular forces and the Guards Corps were heightened by lack of co-ordination between the two forces.

## Iranian indicted in US

BOSTON, Oct 31, (Reuters): An Iranian was charged yesterday with exporting US-made high-tech equipment to Iran.

The US attorney's office said Ebrahim Esmail-Shad, 55, an Iranian citizen and British resident, was cited for violating the US Export Administration Act by shipping avionics, photographic and high-tech test equipment to Iran.

The 17-count indictment charges Shad with exporting oscilloscopes, oscilloscope spare parts, a spectrum analyser and amplifiers to Iran in violation of US law. The equipment, some of which could be used in nuclear power plants, had been valued at approximately \$187,000.

The charges carry possible sentences of up to 95 years in prison and more than \$3 million in fines.

Shad was arrested on Oct 4 with American James Gato. The two were the subject of a six-month operation that began last December and involved a dozen US commerce and customs service agents.

Gato, founder and director of Overseas Hybrid Systems of Kensington, London, was lured to the United States as part of an investigation which included the formation of a bogus US company.



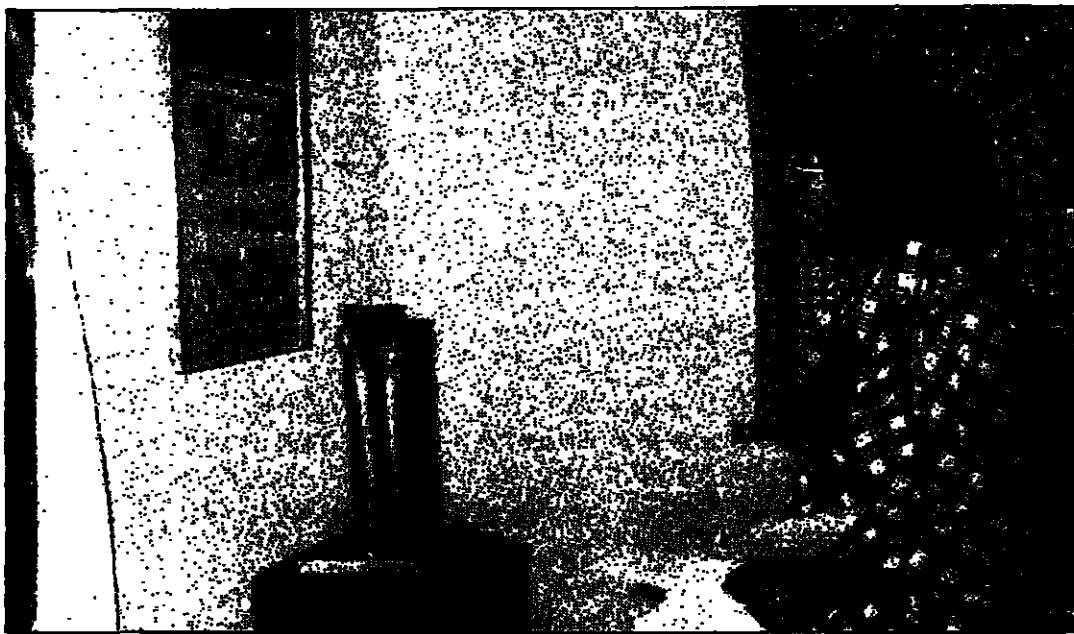
## EVENTS



Some of the art on show



Jewellery, women's favourite.



An interesting piece...



Patchwork, quilts and wall-hangers.

## Charity Tea Party

Last Monday, Kuwait Association for Children in Hospital (KACH) held a charitable tea party with all funds going to the consistently developing hospital project.

The charity put art work to sale at Dr Hilal Al Sayer's residence in

Yarmouk.

KACH still requires volunteers, who are needed to help in a variety of ways to draw pictures and murals on the walls of the wards; to make mobiles, soft toys and educational materials; to sort and maintain

donated toys; to work on the wards with the children; to solicit support and assistance from other people in the community.

For further information contact: Margaret Al Sayer, 5337571.

### TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1	KTV 2
<b>MORNING PERIOD</b>	
9.30 The opening and Holy Quran	12.50 The World Today via Satellite
9.40 Sabah Al Kher news and variety	1.15 Holy - Quran and Closedown
10.00 Around the World: Cartoon serial	
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)	<b>KTV 2</b>
10.30 Al Ghaba: Arabic serial (part 13)	6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran
11.30 Sabah Al Kher news and variety	6.10 Voltron: A cartoon series for children
12.00 Circus: Variety programme	6.30 Danger Bay: "Something New" "J.L. Duval" hesitates to marry Dr. Roberts.
12.30 News summary	
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown	7.00 On The Wings Of The Wind: "The Tonga islands" "Aspasie Alpha" drops anchor in the harbour of Nuku Alofa, capital of the Last Kingdom in the South seas, Tonga. We get to know the colourful customs and proud way of life of this island nation.
<b>EVENING PERIOD</b>	
4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran	8.00 News in English
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)	8.30 The Great Circuses of The World: A variety of acrobatic and circus games.
4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial (part 6)	9.30 Wild Life on One: Unearthing the Mole.
5.15 Football lessons: Sports programme	10.00 Cine Club presented by Farouk Abdulaziz: "The Natural" starring Robert Redford, Kim Basinger, Barbara Hershey. A gallant man's quest to play baseball is met with temptation at every base before the girl he left behind returns to guide him to his ultimate goal.
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements	12.00 News in Brief
6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: Historical serial (part 29)	12.30 Magazine D'Actualite
7.00 Popular Variety: Local programme, prepared by Mahmoud Al Baghilli	
7.45 Television Network: Local programme, prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Al Najjar	
8.30 Good Evening and local news	
9.00 News in Arabic	
9.45 Al Mokafa: Arabic serial (part 12)	
10.45 Toyoor Al Raad: Arabic play, starring Ahmad Al Saleh, Amena Rizq, Jasem Al Nabhan, Ali Al Hajjar and Rouhi Al Safadi	
12.45 News Summary	

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Islamic Art**  
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery**  
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

**Hobby centre**  
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

## SOCIAL

**Pianist wanted**  
KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadji urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: An annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a night to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel: 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Magical show**  
NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. International

ally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel: 2412970.

**Navellim feast**  
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

**Ladies International League**  
THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL.

**Up and coming events:**  
**Bazaar**  
NOV 2, 1989, at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room from 10 am — 6 pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Asaf Gifts, SAS Hotel and the Art Shop Salmiya will be there. Raffle and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

**First "Big" Meeting:**  
NOVEMBER 6, 1989 at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel in the Bubyar Room at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. No children allowed. Watch the Arab Times for more information on L.I.L.

**Watercolour painting**  
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Millis. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

**Contact**  
THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

**German Speaking Cultural Association**  
THE next coffee morning, on the first Sunday of the month (like always) will be held on November 5 at 10 am at the ballroom of the Kuwait International Hotel. All German speaking women are welcome, especially newcomers.

## Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

**British Council**  
THE Chain: Sat 4 and Sun, Nov. 5, 6.30 pm — 100 min. Across the length and breadth of London, seven groups of people, all variously tainted with the seven deadly sins — are caught up in the 'chain' of moving houses. The humour of the film is very entertaining. The interesting tour we are given of the less well-known parts of London and the technicalities of moving house are an added bonus. Screenplay by John Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold.

**Musical variety**  
A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes is to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm in Jabriya, Block 8, Street 10, House 94.

Limited number of cards are still available for families. Please contact, secretary, Hamed Mahmoud, public relations, Tel. No. 4716258.

**Poet's Seminar**  
KERALA Writers' and Readers' Forum is arranging a poet's seminar at the Indian embassy auditorium on Friday evening at 5.30 pm on 3-11-89. In the seminar a collection of English poems, in the name of a book "Mother" written by Sumita Warrier will be released by the first secretary of Indian embassy Abdul Khaliq. The seminar will be concluded by recitation of number of poems both in English and Malayalam.

All are welcome.

**Narhans**  
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narhans" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

**Bob Marley Night**  
NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed

by the Reggae Connection. Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

**Bharathi Meis '89**  
A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

**Bazaar**  
NOVEMBER 2, 1989 at the Kuwait International Hotel in the Safat Room from 10 am to 6 pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Asaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) and The Art Shoppe (Salmiya) will be there. Raffle and Door Prizes. Everyone welcome.

**Canadian Women's League**  
NOV. 4: The Canadian Women's League will meet at 4 pm for their monthly meeting. New ladies welcome. Maps available at the Embassy or call 371 8678 for details.

**Musical variety**  
A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes is to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm. Limited numbers of cards are still available for families. Please contact, Secretary Public Relations, tel. No. 4716258.

**House guest**  
LEADING British theatrical group The Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durbidge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on November 1st in the Grand Ballroom at 8.00 pm. Tickets available at Reception at 2530000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or the Sales Department.

**Tribute to Hemant Kumar**  
IN fond remembrance of Hemant Kumar Indian Arts Circle in association with Bengali Cultural Society is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on 16th November, '89 at 8 pm. Entry passes are available from IAC office at Funaiters. For further details please contact 5621379, 3910806, 2644863 and 3904817 (IAC office).

## Tug-of-war

THE organising committee of the United Goans Centre announces their second annual tug-of-war competition to be held on November 10, 1989 at Sour grounds from 7.30 onwards and it is open to all expatriates. Attractive prizes for finalists. For entries please contact: Tony Gonsalves Tel. 2612024 & Moses Menzies Tel. 2427779.

**Konkani drama**  
Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintam Zallim Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

**Bengali dance drama**  
The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

**Musical Nights with Adnan Butt**  
A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and geets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

**British Council**  
The headmaster of a long established co-educational boarding school in the west of England will be at the British Council in Mansouriyah from: 5.30 — 7.30 on Monday/Tuesday 30/31 October or phone Mrs Harries at the British Council for more information — 2515512/2533204.

**Piano Recital**  
THALIA Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Rozburgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson & Brahms. She will also have a Master Class from 4 pm — 6 pm in the New English School on Tuesday, November 14th. For further information please contact: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

**People's Trust Club**  
DEC 29: People's Trust Club

**Kuwait City**  
Al Shaab Pharmacy, Fahd Al Salem, Street  
Al Ajeel Pharmacy, Al Mubarakia  
Hawalli and Al Nuge  
Al Jouder Pharmacy, Tunis

**Street**  
Al Salmiya and Al Ramethiya  
Qurtoba Pharmacy, Salem Al Mubarak Street  
Al Fahad Pharmacy, Makkah Street

**Al Farwaniya**  
Al Jazira Pharmacy, The Main Street  
Al Jazira Pharmacy, Diabul Street

welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

**Quran Khani**  
AS PER Dr Riaz Ahmed Mahesar, President of Pakistan People's Club, all lady members are requested to get in touch with their dist. Presidents on 1st Nov 89 for Quran Khani. Pray to Allah for Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's success against the no-confidence motion.

**Kuwait Kannada Koota**  
NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

**Anarkali**  
NOV 9: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali ballet available in the IAC office.

## SPORTS

**Rothmans Gold Cup**  
Salcote United will organize the Rothmans Gold Cup Football Tournament from 17-10-89. KIFF affiliated clubs may collect entry forms from Martin on 4810492 Ext 267 or Pinheiro 4819168. Last date for submission of entries is 9-11-89. Draw will be held on 10-11-89 at the Caravan Restaurant, next to Hardees, Fahd Al Salem St., at 8.30 am.

**Seven-a-side**  
SANTOS Football Club will hold their third annual Seven-A-Side football tournament on Nov 10, 1989 at 7.30 am on Sour Ground. Draw will be held on the same day at 7 am. For further information please contact Joe on 2444379.

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Last Sunday The Graz String Trio held an extremely successful performance at the Kuwait International Hotel.



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Kuwait exporting more than 30pc of its goods to EEC

## Single European market will be a challenge to Gulf: Salem

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor



Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah addresses the seminar.



Some of those who attended the seminar at Kuwait Sheraton.

## More aid needed for Third World

Rich countries told

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP): A weeklong meeting on growing better crops throughout the world opened yesterday with a warning from a top US expert that more must be done to relieve poverty in the Third World if the environment there is to be improved for the benefit of the whole globe.

In rich countries environmental problems are basically the result of wealth, said John Mellor, head of the International Food Policy Research Institute. "To cut down pollution here in Washington, maybe we could use our cars a little less — that's not a matter of life and death," he added. "In Bangladesh, people may have to use unsuitable land to grow more food or they die."

He said much of the damage to the environment in the Third World, such as the destruction of tropical forest and the turning of grassland into desert, is caused by the need of poor people to grow more food. He estimated that about 10 per cent of the cutting of forest was due to commercial logging, such as Japanese logging in Indonesia, but about 60 per cent by poor farmers who want more land for subsistence crops.

He added that the other 30 per cent of natural forest is cut to be replaced with rubber, mangoes or other "unsuitable" trees, so that 90 per cent of the destruction is done by poor people trying to raise their living standards. He said more research is needed to determine how much more valuable are the original trees for the global environment than are the commercial trees.

The institute is a private study group. Mellor was formerly chief economist of the US Agency for International Development.

## Iraq signs contract

BAGHDAD, Oct 31, (AP): Iraq has signed a contract with two Dutch companies to dredge the main routes to its southern ports of Um Qasr and Khour Al Zubair, a Ministry of Transport and Communications spokesman said.

The spokesman said the 14 million Iraqi dinar (\$42 million) contract included lifting more than 25 million cubic tons of silt from the marine shipping channels of Khour Al Zubair, Khour Al Zubair and Um Qasr.

The contract was signed by Minister of Transport Mohammad Hamza and the directors general of the two companies.

The name of the two companies and date of signing were not disclosed.

The project, expected to be completed within 8 months, will allow larger ships with a 12-metre draft to enter the Iraqi ports of Um Qasr and Khour Al-Zubair.

SHEIKH Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, Governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, has said the single European market and its expected completion by the end of 1992, will be a challenge not only for Europe but also for the rest of the world, including the member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council, such as Kuwait.

Sheikh Salem in his opening speech at a seminar on the single European market from a German and Swiss perspective, said Kuwait is exporting more than 30 per cent of its goods to EEC countries. Our imports have a similar structure in relation to Europe, in particular the EEC countries and Switzerland. That simple proportion clearly shows the importance of the implications of the Single European Market for us.

The seminar was jointly organised by DG Bank, Frankfurt am Main, DG Bank (Switzerland) and Attamar Economic and Consultations, Kuwait.

Sheikh Salem said: "In addition, the Kuwaiti public and private sectors have, over the last two decades, formed an important source of investment funds and capital to the EEC and Switzerland. All of you probably are aware of the role Kuwait has played as investor in Europe. In the seventies and beginning eighties our region had supplied some of the funds that enabled the international financial markets to grow. Considerable investments have been undertaken by our authorities and citizens, even during times of political and economic uncertainty in Europe. Overall, we are partners of some importance and we have faith in our European counterparts."

"Now we fear that this trust is endangered through developments initiated by the EEC. We are worried about the possibility

of protectionism after the completion of the Single Market. In the banking field, which I am most familiar with, the so-called "Second Council Directive on Banking" could be mentioned as an example. Under a strict interpretation this proposal of the EEC-Commission which was adopted by the Council of Ministers in July 1989 as a temporarily common position, could be easily used to restrict free banking and branching between the EEC and third countries," the governor said.

In order to achieve a free financial market three prerequisites have to be met: freedom of capital movement, the right to sell financial services across the borders, and complete freedom in the setting up of branches and subsidiaries for the suppliers of those services. The proposals of the EEC commission on the Single Banking Market adhere to the familiar concept of universal banking, which allows full-service banks.

As of 1993, all EEC credit institutions will be able to offer

cross-border services throughout the EEC. Moreover, branching out will be greatly facilitated. The licensing of a bank in one EEC country will imply the right to establish offices in all other member states and, in principle, under the same conditions as in the country of origin (single licence approach). Applying the principle of mutual recognition of rules and standards, foreign branch operations will be regulated and supervised only by the authorities of the parent bank's country.

Third country banks, in the terms of the commission's proposal, will also profit from this simplification, if they are already represented by a subsidiary (a branch will not be sufficient) in any one of the twelve EEC member countries.

After 1992, access to the banking market for new applicants will be granted under the conditions of reciprocity only, a problem "we in this region have to face. This whole specific issue is not yet clear to us, and we hope our European friends here can shed some light on it."

In order to prevent competitive distortions among the banks in Europe, it is planned by the EEC-authorities to combine the opening up of markets with a certain degree of harmonization of bank law in order to establish a "level playing ground" for all banks.

The most important step here is to standardize minimum requirements for a bank's capitalization, i.e. the ratio of equity to risk-weighted assets, and to agree on a common definition of bank capital.

On the latter task, discussions and co-ordination have taken place also on the level of the Group of Ten industrial countries and at the conferences held by international banking supervisors.

Sheikh Salem said: "I must mention here that in the field of the capitalization of the banks, the position of our banks is comfortable by international standards. But we have expressed concern about the discrimination against Kuwait and the

other GCC-countries in the so-called "country risk approach" of the proposed capital adequacy regulations. That approach assigns a higher risk rating for bank claims on customers outside the EEC and some other industrialised nations."

Now, according to statistics published by the Bank for International Settlements, the size of funding of the international banks by the GCC-countries is 3 times higher than our borrowing level.

"In comparison, among the industrialised countries assets and liabilities balance each other more or less. Therefore, I do not believe that the discriminatory risk rating for our region is justified in economic terms," he added.

Another most important area of concern is the protection of investments. The present legal system in some EEC-countries is not adequate to establish full confidence in the protection of the investors' rights. Some prominent examples of the past have shown the difficulties and

uncertainties involved, especially when claims are filed by other third countries.

Talking about the impact of the Single Market on nations outside the EEC, Sheikh Salem said impact will, naturally, depend to a large extent on the EEC's future trade policy and its policy in relation to free capital movements. Essentially, everything revolves around the question whether the establishment of the unified market will lead to the strengthening of external EEC trade barriers effectively as compensation for increasing competition in Europe's internal market or whether the process will result in further liberalization of foreign commercial policy.

Unfortunately, the question of trade relations with non-EEC countries after 1992 has remained unanswered so far. The 1985 White Book that the EEC-Commission has published on the single market does not cover the implications for foreign trade policy. This uncertainty has given rise to anxieties about pan-

European protectionism, about Fortress Europe.

"I do hope that such fears are premature. I further hope that many EEC members will continue to be very much interested in maintaining an open market to the outside. I do believe that the liberal approach will succeed. In the co-operation agreement between the Gulf Co-operation Council and the EEC, signed in June last year, it was stated that in a future trade agreement the parties would commit themselves to solutions wholly compatible with the GATT rules. Strict obedience to the GATT rules applies for EEC trade policy in general. Indeed, trade in most sectors, goods as well as financial services, will hopefully not be adversely affected by the Single Market," he said.

"We have also been following with interest developments toward monetary integration in Europe. We know the more advanced stages of the European Monetary Union (EMU) are a long way into the future. However, it is clear that the whole project in its various stages will somewhat affect inter-European financial relationships and the financial interests of outside partners. Therefore, here in the Gulf, we have a strong interest in the European experience in integration. This is not only because our financial and economic interests are involved, but because we also seek to learn lessons from this unusual experiment," Sheikh Salem said.

Sheikh Salem said: "Our host for today, the Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt, and especially her offshoot, DG Bank-Switzerland, is a well-known partner to us. The DG Bank is the central commercial bank of the co-operative sector and represents a very prominent part of the German banking system."

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## North Sea oil output set to hit two-year high in '90

Soviets may cut oil exports

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): North Sea oil output is likely to hit two-year high around 3.85 million barrels per day (bpd) early next year as British production recovers from accidents and shutdowns, a Reuters survey showed today.

Barring unforeseen mishaps, Britain is set to continue its bounce back from 10-year lows of 1.33 million bpd in June and to reach 2.3 million bpd by early 1990.

Norway's government sees flows close to the present 1.55 million bpd for the rest of 1989 and the first half of 1990.

North Sea output has not

exceeded an average 3.8 million bpd since April 1988.

"You should see British output over two million bpd in the fourth quarter of this year, increasing to 2.3 million in the first half of 1990," said Jim Henderson, oil analyst at London stockbrokers Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

British average daily output in September was estimated by London broker James Capel and Co. at just under two million bpd.

It has been rising steadily as fields knocked out or shut in by accidents between July 1988 and last May gradually come back.

Only the Shell-Esso 100,000 bpd Brent Charlie and 40,000 bpd Cormorant Alpha platforms remain idle and analysts expect both back before the year-end.

The only semi-permanent loss is Occidental Petroleum Corp's 160,000 bpd Piper field, shut in after a July 1988 explosion destroyed its platform, killing 167 men. It cannot reopen until a new platform is installed, in 1992 at the earliest.

Elsewhere, although four of the six biggest fields — Forties, Brent, Ninian and Fulmar — are declining, this has been offset by small new developments.

Provided Brent Charlie and

Cormorant Alpha do come back as planned, Britain will have reached a near-term production plateau by the first part of next year, analysts say. No new oil fields will start up in the rest of 1989 or early 1990.

Analysts in Norway believe the curbs will probably stay but any policy change could have a significant impact on production.

Meanwhile, the Soviet government today suggested cutting oil exports by 3.8 million tons or roughly 76,000 barrels a day in 1990 so that oil could be used domestically.

Dealers play waiting game

## Dollar firms in quiet trade

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): The dollar firmed in quiet and featureless trading today as new data reaffirmed that the US economy was growing only at a modest pace.

The US government announced a 0.2 per cent increase for September in the index of leading indicators, confirming other recent data showing slow growth in the American economy and weakness in the manufacturing sector.

The rise in Washington's main barometer of future economic trends was in line with expectations. Economists said it would be unlikely to persuade the US Central Bank, the Federal Reserve, to bow to pressure to alter interest rates.

"I don't think this will sway the Fed," said economist Michael Tindall of Discount Corp of New York.

Analysts immediately began looking ahead to the publication on Friday of US employment data for October to judge whether America's economy will continue to weaken, failing to match the 2.5 per cent rate reported last week in the third quarter.

Today's figures cause barely a ripple in stagnant currency markets and the dollar traded steadily but slightly within narrow ranges.

It ended in London at 1.8405 West German marks and 142.60 yen, compared with 1.8377 and 142.15 at Monday's close.

The pound, volatile since Nigel Lawson resigned last Thursday as Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, also calmed down as dealers awaited the first major public

statement on economic policy by Lawson's successor, John Major.

His contribution to a debate in the British parliament was delayed until the markets were about to close.

But Major quickly emphasised, as expected, that he endorsed Lawson's priorities in economic policy of bringing down inflation and securing steady growth.

He also said interest rates were the key to attacking inflation, suggesting that rates — currently at 15 per cent — would remain high.

Sterling ended in London at \$1.5770, down only marginally from Monday's 1.5785.

The London stock market also drifted aimlessly during the day. The only excitement was provided by the British government announcing it was opening the way to a full takeover bid for luxury carmaker Jaguar.

"The Jaguar decision is a real shot in the arm for this market but nobody's too keen to comment themselves ahead of chancellor John Major's speech," one dealer said.

"He (Major) is still an unknown quantity to the markets so he'll be looking to inspire some confidence with a tough stance on inflation and public spending," said another trader.

The Financial Times/Stock Exchange index of 100 blue chip shares, following early gains on Wall Street, closed 30.4 points up at its day's high of 2,142.6.

Gold dropped \$2.50 to end in London at \$374.25 an ounce.

Second bilateral deal

## Jordan signs debt rescheduling pact

AMMAN, Oct 31, (Reuters): Jordan signed a debt rescheduling accord with the United States today, the second bilateral deal reached under Amman's agreement with the Paris Club of official creditors.

The state-run news agency Petra said the accord covered payments on loans due in 1989 and 1990.

It did not say how much money was involved, but Central Bank figures show Jordan's government and government-guaranteed loans from the United States stood at 128 million dollars (\$203 million) at the end of 1988. The figure excludes military debt.

Petra said Washington had agreed to reschedule all unpaid interest due before June 30 this year and half the interest due between July 1 and the end of 1989.

The rescheduling will be spread over 10 years from 1990 with a five-year grace period in which only interest will be paid.

The agency said the agreement with Washington would serve as a model for agreements with Jordan's other official creditors.

Jordan, with a foreign debt of about \$8 billion, signed a rescheduling accord with the Paris club in July.

It reached a provisional agreement with the London Club of commercial bank creditors in September to reschedule debts totalling \$575 million, but banking sources say Amman is holding out for better terms and has delayed signing.

The sources say Jordan wants to reduce the interest rate on rescheduled debt to 5/8 per cent above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (Libor) instead of the 13/16 per cent previously agreed with a committee representing the banks.

Finance Minister Basel Jaradneh has said Amman also wants the banks to release undisbursed parts of committed loans.

## US leading indicators up

Consumer confidence surges

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (UPI): The Commerce Department reported today that its gauge of future economic activity in the United States rose 0.2 per cent in September, the second consecutive monthly increase and a sign that the economy is not heading for a recession.

The modest jump in the index of leading indicators, intended to predict economic performance six to nine months in advance, follows a healthy gain of 0.5 per cent in August. A surge in consumer confidence was the primary reason for the September increase, helping to offset declines in seven of the 11 economic indicators that make up the index.

Consumers have been a bright spot for the economy this year.

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## Reforms bite Pravda warns of greater job losses

MOSCOW, Oct 31, (Reuters): Economic reforms have cost three million people their jobs in the Soviet Union since 1986, and the number could hit 16 million by the year 2005, the Communist Party daily Pravda said today.

In some southern Soviet republics racked by ethnic violence 25 per cent of the workforce have been unemployed for the last three years, Pravda said.

The Pravda article gave no overall jobless rate for the country, which has a total workforce of around 130 million.

Moscow has never revealed overall jobless figures, declaring for decades that full employment was a virtue of communism.

Pravda said matters were expected to get worse as the Kremlin continued economic reforms and cuts in the armed forces. Moscow plans to cut 500,000 men from its army within two years.

It said experts expected economic restructuring, known as perestroika, to put 16 million out of work by the year 2005.

The article said that in 1986, unemployment was 27.6 per cent in Azerbaijan, 25.7 per cent in Tajikistan, 22.8 per cent in Uzbekistan, 18.8 per cent in Turkmenia, 18 per cent in Armenia and 16.3 per cent in Kirgizia.

It gave no figures for more recent years, but said: "Until now the situation has not improved much."

Joblessness has played a role in recent ethnic clashes in those republics — in particular in Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan, where officials say many of those arrested had no jobs.

"The country needs a flexible system of manpower redistribution, under which people would not lose social benefits for changing job or place of residence or under which people would make up for a temporary loss of income," Pravda said.

It called for a special employment fund to finance job placement and training programmes.

The article said there was no lack of job vacancies in the country as a whole, but many available jobs were either considered undesirable or were at distant construction sites.

In 1987, Soviet officials said 250,000 people were jobless in Azerbaijan and announced plans to double the number of people sent to the next five years from the republic to construction sites across Siberia.

The Kremlin only admitted to joblessness in the Soviet Union after Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and urged "openness" (glasnost) about the Soviet Union's problems.

## Japan's jobless rate declines

TOKYO, Oct 31, (UPI): Japan's unemployment rate for September declined 0.1 point from August to 2.2 per cent after seasonal adjustments, reflecting the booming domestic economy, a preliminary government report said today.

The management and co-ordination agency said the number of jobless workers totalled 1.38 million in September, down 130,000 or 8.6 per cent from a year ago.

Japan's unemployment rate has ranged from 2.2 per cent to 2.3 per cent since June this year amid robust economic expansion.

The agency said Japan's total workforce, including the jobless, stood at 61.78 million in September, an increase of 123,000 or 2.0 per cent over a year ago.

The male workforce totalled 36.7 million, up 1.5 per cent over a year, and the female 25.2 million, up 2.8 per cent.

By industry, the agency said, there were 4.67 million workers in the agriculture and forestry sector, down 2.5 per cent from a year ago, 14.76 million in the manufacturing industry, up 2.2 per cent, and 13.45 million in the service sector, up 2.8 per cent.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Oct 31, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady today in moderate trade, dealers said.

In the short dates, overnight, tomorrow-next and spot-next were unchanged at 8-1/2 1/4 per cent, with trades at 8-1/4 in overnight and 8-1/4 in tomorrow next. One week was bid 1/8 point higher at 8-5/8 1/4.

In the fixed dates, one and three months were bid 1/8 point firmer at 8-1/2 3/8, but six months and one year were steady at 8-1/2 1/4.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29876/86 from 0.29864/74 on Monday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were marked down today in response to ample liquidity and a softer tone to Eurodollar rates, but business remained subdued.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.830
Sri Lanka rupee	7.580
Pakistan rupee	14.340
Bangladesh taka	9.200
US dollar	299.55
Pound sterling	49.400
UAE dirham	0.8153
Deutsche mark	163.10
Japanese yen	0.02113

# Mitsubishi to take over Rockefeller group

TOKYO, Oct 31, (Reuters): A Japanese property company said today it will take control of Rockefeller Centre, New York's famed business and entertainment complex, a move analysts predicted could fan fears Japan is buying up America.

Mitsubishi Estate said it would pay \$846 million to one of America's top business dynasties for a 51 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Group.

Japanese government officials, aware that the acquisition could spark resentment of Japan in the United States, moved quickly to defend and explain it.

"I see no problem as long as the deal is made on the basis of an agreement by both parties," Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference.

"This kind of transaction is normal economic activity," Foreign Ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe told foreign journalists. "I do not think it will be a disturbing factor in the long-term US-Japan relations."

"We are not unduly worried."

Stock analysts said perhaps

they should be.

"It will make great headlines, the Japanese buying the Rainbow Room," said Tom Hill, property analyst at Broker S.G. Warburg. "I would have thought they're risking some adverse reaction."

The Rainbow Room Nightclub, a celebrity hangout in the past, stands at the top of one of the buildings that make up Rockefeller Centre.

The centre houses the headquarters of the Associated Press news agency and the NBC television network.

A skating rink amid the half-century-old buildings has been a lure for tourists since the centre opened during the great depression.

A string of Japanese acquisitions in the United States, including Sony's planned takeover of Columbia Pictures, has sparked calls among some US lawmakers from curbs on foreign investment in America.

"This is high-profile and on top of the Sony and Columbia deal and there are bound to be political problems," said James Doherty, an analyst at broker

Jardine Fleming Securities.

The Rockefeller Group is a private company controlled by members of the Rockefeller family, descendants of one of America's first oil tycoons, John D. Rockefeller.

It owns and manages the 14 buildings that make up Rockefeller Centre, including Radio City Music Hall, home of the high-kicking female dance troupe the Rockettes.

Mitsubishi Estate will take over the group by buying 627,000 shares from various members of the Rockefeller Family Trust.

"Our agreement with Mitsubishi Estate preserves the abiding commitment to Rockefeller Centre and New York City which my father made more than 50 years ago," David Rockefeller, chairman of the Rockefeller Group, said in a statement.

Raymond F. Pettit, senior vice-president of the Rockefeller Group, said Mitsubishi's investment is different from that of Sony. This investment is a partnership, he told a news conference.

He said the Rockefeller Group

chose the Japanese company over some of its US rivals and plans to use the proceeds of the sale to diversify its holdings.

"If it is not an adversarial takeover, I am not so worried," Foreign Ministry spokesman Watanabe said.

He said the government was informed of Mitsubishi Estate's decision to take control of Rockefeller Centre, but not consulted about it.

While acknowledging that Japanese acquisitions in the United States have picked up considerably recently, Watanabe said it was too soon for the government to intervene.

Japanese companies though may have to try harder to explain the benefits of such moves to the American public, including possible increased employment in the United States, he said.

Mitsubishi Estate officials said it might increase its stake in the Rockefeller Group in the future.

It will send executives to Rockefeller's board, but for the time being the current management will stay in place, they added.



Jotaro Takagi (right) president of Mitsubishi Estate Co., and Raymond Pettit, vice-president of Rockefeller Group Inc. (RGI), attend a news conference yesterday. Takagi announced Mitsubishi Estate agreed with RGI to pay \$846 million for 51 per cent stake in RGI, which owns and manages such prime properties as Rockefeller Centre, the famed New York business and entertainment complex. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sudan has foreign debt of nearly \$14b

# Sweeping economic changes proposed

KHARTOUM, Oct 31, (Reuters): Sudan's military leader has proposed sweeping economic changes which diplomats said today were likely to bring reforms demanded for years by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir called on a conference on Monday to review the performance of state-owned ventures, the contribution made by banking to the nation's development and the effect of subsidies on the economy.

The general, who seized control of Africa's largest country in June, demanded realism from the more than 800 delegates and said: "We don't want discussions in a cold language and figures."

Western and Arab diplomats said his suggestions were in line with reforms repeatedly demanded from successive Khartoum

governments by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other creditors.

They said they expected the 23-day conference to be used as a forum by the military government to pass the reforms.

Sudan owes the IMF more than \$1 billion in arrears and the Washington-based body declared the Afro-Arab country ineligible for fresh funds in February 1986.

The country has a foreign debt of nearly \$14 billion an annual inflation rate close to 100 per cent, a crumbling infrastructure and little industry which for years has operated at a fraction of its capacity.

Past deals between Sudan and the IMF have triggered street protests, forcing authorities to trim reforms to almost ineffective levels or back down

altogether.

The delegates include cabinet ministers, civil servants, regional governors, top army officers and academics and the state-controlled media described the conference as a bid to end Sudan's poverty and misery.

Delegates were likely to suggest reforms in the foreign exchange system, state subsidies on basic consumer goods and ways to streamline loss-making state enterprises, the diplomats said.

Bashir's government last month slashed subsidies on bread and promised similar measures with other basic items.

Sudan's armed forces' daily newspaper quoted a source in the military leadership's economic committee as saying the meeting would discuss increases in direct and indirect taxation, cuts in spending and the possible

introduction of fees for education and health services.

A civil war raging against southern rebels since 1983 has battered the economy, forced three million southern Sudanese to flee their homes and caused the death of some 250,000 people, mostly by hunger and disease last year alone.

The diplomats said any substantial foreign economic aid to Sudan was now largely related to ending the civil war in the south, a prospect which has become remote following the fall over weekend of an army garrison town into rebel hands.

"It had been news when a military government meets defeat in the battlefield. It is very ominous," said one Arab diplomat.

The fall of the border town was the first major defeat of the army at the hands of the SPLA since the junta seized power.

## GCC likely to set up common market

RIYADH, Oct 31, (Kuna): The Gulf Co-operation Council will consider setting up a common market among its six member states, says GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs Abdullah Al-Guwai.

Speaking to Kuna, one month ahead of the GCC summit due to take place in the Omani capital of Oman, Guwai said the council's leaders would discuss, among other issues, economic process to pave the way for the establishment of a Gulf common market and evaluation of ongoing negotiations between the GCC member states and their major trade partners.

He said issues to be tabled for discussion at the summit would include legalisation of exempting national products from customs fees, unification of customs fees on foreign goods and an overall review of work in the economic sector.

Goods

Guwai said the GCC member states had embarked on unifying specifications of domestic and imported goods with the aim of protecting the consumer and facilitating dealing with foreign producers.

He said the member states would consider the conclusion of economic agreements with their trade partners to organise the relationship between the two sides.

Replying to a question on the movement of trucks across each country's border, Guwai said achievements were always associated with some difficulties due to administrative snags and recency of the experiment.

But he said a joint Kuwaiti-Saudi committee had met over the past ten days and managed to resolve a number of difficulties in this regard, saying all pending issues between Saudi Arabia on one hand and Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman had been settled while a joint Saudi-Emirati committee is scheduled to meet soon to consider the issue.

Asked on protection of domestic products of the GCC member states, Guwai indicated that the low customs fees on imported goods did not provide adequate protection for local products.

## Gulf Air signs Airbus deal

BAHRAIN, Oct 31, (Reuters): Bahrain-based Gulf Air said today it had signed a \$500-million contract with the European consortium Airbus Industrie to buy 12 new aircraft.

A Gulf Air spokesman said the deal, part of the regional carrier's five-year plan to purchase 18 new aircraft costing \$1 billion was signed in Toulouse, France, on Saturday.

Gulf Air would take delivery of the 12 Airbus A-320s between 1992 and 1994, he said. It had also taken options on six Airbus, but had not yet decided on the type of engine.

Airline officials would go to Tokyo on November 4 to seek loans from Japanese banks to help to finance the deal, he said.

Gulf Air said early in October it planned to finalise a \$400-million syndicated loan in 1990 to buy six Boeing 767s and 300s.

The airline is owned by the governments of Bahrain, Oman and Qatar and the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Emirates Airlines of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates said last week it would buy five Airbus as part of its plan to double cargo and passenger capacity by mid-1991.

## Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 31	Indrol	247.50	245.50	240
Pr. Cl. Open Close	JK Syn	65	64	66
ACC 307	Kin Engg	130	131.75	128.75
Alcon Chem	KIR Cumms	70	70	71.25
Alw Nis	KSB Pumps	197.50	190	195
Ani Fab	L & T	95	91	91.50
Asbok Ley	Lipton	95	95	94
Asia Paint	Mac Russel	137.50	137.50	140
Adas Corp	Mad Coats	102	—	—
Auto Corp	Mahindra	104	97	103
Nat Ind	Max Share	16.15	16.15	16.15
Bajaj Auto	Micro	727.50	720	690
Bar Rayon	Milford	205	200	205
Blow Plast	Modi	78	78	75
Bom Dye	MRF Ltd	335	330	335
BK Bond	Muk Pow	143	145	140
Burr Wei	Nocil	1275	1250	1240
Canshare	Nat Org	—	—	—
Cen Enka	Nippon	50.50	48	50
Index for 26/10	Orkla	17	—	—
Cen Sng	Oswal Agro	11	16.50	17
Colgate	Paico	22.50	75	80
Crompt Gr	Pfizer	75	25.50	22
DCM	Ponds	180	75.50	74.50
Deep Fert	Pran Auto	62.25	175	173.50
Dunlop	Ranbaxy	85	82.50	85
El Hotels	Ray Wool	67.50	63.75	67.50
Esports	Reckitt	191.25	187.50	191.25
BSE index	Reliance	94.50	96	94.50
115	Sesa Corp	73	72	73
East Sng	Shaw Wall	—	—	—
Food Spl	Shree Com	—	—	—
Forbes	Suri Fib	55	53	55
Car Poly	Stemens	77	74	75
104.50	Sun Elec Co	1320	1210	—
GNFC	Syle	47.50	47	47.50
Grafin	St Mills	510	500	510
Index for 27/10	Tata Oil	65	65	67.50
CE Shops	Tata Chem	122	123	123.50
CE Ship	Tata Pow	382.50	375	380
GSFC	Telco	1075	1067.5	1090
Guji Alid	Thapp Agro	—	—	—
Guji Heavy	Thapp Agro	—	—	—
11	Thapp Agro	—	—	—
Hind Cils	Vam Org	166.25	167.50	162.50
Hind Lever	Vard	72.50	22.50	23.50
Hind Motor	Volvo	925	920	930
Hind Motor	Wimco	26.50	26.25	26.25
Hindalco	Zemith	52	55	54
1360	Zuari Agro	78	76	76
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## Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 35549.44	Mitsubishi Corp	1610	+20
(+132.80)	Mitsubishi Estate	2680	+150
Volume: 900 mil sh	Mitsubishi HI	1120	0
Yes exchange rate: 142.15	Mitsui R E	3080	-20
Name of stock	Mitsui R E	1870	0
Advant Corp	Mitsui R E	4250	+100
Ainomoto	Mitsui R E	4050	+100
Alps Electric	NEC Corp	1760	+10
Amada	Nikon Corp	1450	-10
Asahi Chem Ind	Nippon Shin Co	1700	-10
Asahi Glass	Nippon Steel Corp	1700	+2
C. Itoh Co	Nipponeselec	2430	-10
Canon Inc	Nitaco Corp	1400	0
Casio Comp	Nomura Sec	3390	+10
D N Printing	Obayashi Corp	1220	+10
Daiichi Sekiyaku	Osaka K Co	2310	+10
Dainippon Ph	Oriz Corp	6250	+30
Dainippon Corp	Pioneer Elec Co	3630	+30
Elai	Renova Look	2400	-10
Fanuc Ltd	Sanyo Elec Co	1730	+10
Fuji Photo	Secom Co, Ltd	8540	+160
Fujitsu Ltd	Shimadzu Chem	1790	+60
Hilachi Credit	Shindengen Elec	1290	+10
Hilachi Ltd	Sony Corp	8300	-30
Hilachi Ltd	Sumitomo Elec	1520	0
Hilachi Metal	Sumitomo Metal	697	+1
Honda Motor	Takada Chemical	2410	+20
Ito Yoko	TDK Corp	3630	+80
Kanagawa Corp	Tokai Marine	2220	+30
Kawasaki H I	Tokyo Elec Power	5920	+10
Kobe Cast Iron	Tokyo Electron Ltd	3310	+50
Kokusai Elec	Toppan Printing	2180	+30
Konami Ltd	Toshiba Corp	1820	+1
Kyocera Corp	Toshiba Corp	1200	+20
Mari	Toyota Motor	2690	+20
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## 'Crucial thing is to get results'

## Finance minister quits

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Oct 31, (AP): Finance Minister Palle Simonsen unexpectedly resigned yesterday, prompting a reshuffle of the Conservative-led minority government.

Prime Minister Poul Schluter, announcing the resignation in a statement, praised Simonsen's "competence as finance minister," but gave no clue to the reason for the step.

He said he understood Simonsen's decision to leave after "so many burdensome years in the post."

In an interview on Denmark's public-run radio, Simonsen echoed Schluter's statement, adding that he'd considered quitting for the past half year.

But gave no specific reason for doing so.

"I can't imagine that the government's moderate line will be changed," Simonsen said.

Simonsen, 56, also gave up his seat in the Folketing, or parliament, and will become director of the state pension fund ATP.

For Schluter, who heads a three-party coalition, it was the second cabinet reshuffle in a month.

The earlier reshuffle was necessary following Justice Minister Hans Peter Clausen's election as Speaker of the Folketing on Oct 5.

## Single European market will be a challenge to Gulf

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According to the latest figures published by the Bundesbank, 3,358 co-operative banks and 5 regional co-operative central banks are registered in addition to the DG Bank. The balance sheet volume of the whole co-operative sector forms about 16 per cent of the total balance sheet volume of all banks in Germany.

But what is more impressive than the size and number of those banks is the concept of self-help formulated during the past century which has enabled them to survive and perform successfully even during difficult times of the past.

Abdul Wahhab Al Tammar, president of Attammam Economic Consultations, Kuwait in his welcome speech, said the subject of our exchanges today is one of the most interesting contemporary issues. Despite the fact that there is no novelty about integration between any number of countries with a reason to do so, for the economic history of our world has registered many such attempts in the past, as it did

with the processes of disintegration and division.



## Militancy growing against huge dam projects

## Development scheme may force Harsud residents to move

**B**ABULAL AGARWAL'S family came to this sleepy, dirt-street town in central India three generations ago. Today, Agarwal, who runs a shack stand on the town's main street, and his son, Surender Kumar, a cloth merchant, know their days in Harsud may be numbered.

Under a massive development scheme for the Narmada River five miles away, Harsud would be completely submerged and its 70,000 residents forced to move.

At a huge, recent protest rally here, the two businessmen joined the growing chorus of anger over the planned \$4 billion Sardar Sarovar dam. It will displace 70,000 people in all.

No one wants to leave his home, but if we are forced to leave, the government must give adequate compensation," Kumar said.

The Narmada controversy reflects a growing militancy against huge dam projects, which have long been a part of anti-poverty schemes.

After India's independence from Britain in 1947, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru spearheaded dam construction, calling them

"temples of development." Today, the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Nehru's grandson, still considers large dams as the best answer for drought-plagued and power-short areas.

Officials say harnessing the 800-mile-Narmada could transform deserts in Gujarat and Rajasthan states into lush agricultural lands and improve the lives of needy Indians in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra states.

The Sardar Sarovar project would be the largest in the Narmada Basin Plan. It calls for constructing 30 large, 135 medium, and more than 3,000 small dams on the river and its tributaries. It is India's largest development scheme ever and one of the biggest in the Third World.

The World Bank, which is providing \$450 million for the Sardar Sarovar dam, agrees that big dams creating large reservoirs are needed in this semi-arid country. Most rainfall comes in the four summer monsoon months.

"The problems are mind-boggling. To satisfy the water needs of this country, you need large surface storage. There's no alternative,"

says Jerry Fauss, the World Bank official in charge of the project in New Delhi.

However, disillusionment with the project is spreading in the valley of the Narmada, a river considered by India's Hindu majority as most sacred — holier even than the Ganges.

The Sardar Sarovar dam would create the world's largest man-made lake, flooding tens of thousands of acres, eliminating forests, and submerging many religious shrines visited regularly by pilgrims.

The state of Gujarat, devastated by the century's worst drought in recent years, stands to gain the most from the project.

A lengthy and intricate canal network would carry water to more than half of the state's 19 districts. State officials tout the project as "Gujarat's lifeline."

However, in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh, where most of those that would be relocated now live, and elsewhere in India, predictions are growing of a major ecological calamity.

An army of environmentalists, scientists, and activists united against the project say

that Gujarat and central government officials rammed through the project by overplaying the benefits and ignoring environmental warnings.

Two years ago, after almost a 40-year debate on the project, Rajiv's government gave the go-ahead. It turned aside predictions that the Sardar Sarovar and another large dam would involve an environmental cost of some \$24 billion, and that the project would put tremendous financial strains on the states.

"Here is a project that is an environmental, social, and cultural disaster in the making," says Smitu Kothari, a New Delhi social activist opposing the dam.

While ecologists admit that river development is key for this desperately poor region of India, the opposition has largely coalesced around government handling of the resettlement question.

Opponents say medium-sized dams and other irrigation techniques could ease the need for big dams. Most of those to be displaced, who now reside in Madhya Pradesh, have been given the choice of staying in their

home state or moving to Gujarat.

However, environmentalists say it's unclear where the land will come from to replace the farms of many displaced.

From the many tribal people living along the river, there is no choice about leaving their homes.

"The tribal people here say they won't move to Gujarat because they would be considered inferior, their language is different, and their daughters couldn't be married," says Medha Patkar, a Bombay social worker who has been working with tribes living along the river for years.

Endless delays by state officials in informing those to be displaced of their options has created a deep bitterness among many. Supporters of the dam say the resettlement package could come to about \$15,000 per family, the best compensation package ever seen in India.

Earlier this year, dismayed by the slow progress and the growing opposition, the World Bank put pressure on the central and state governments to speed up the resettle-

ment process. Satisfied with the steps taken, the bank this summer extended its assistance for another year.

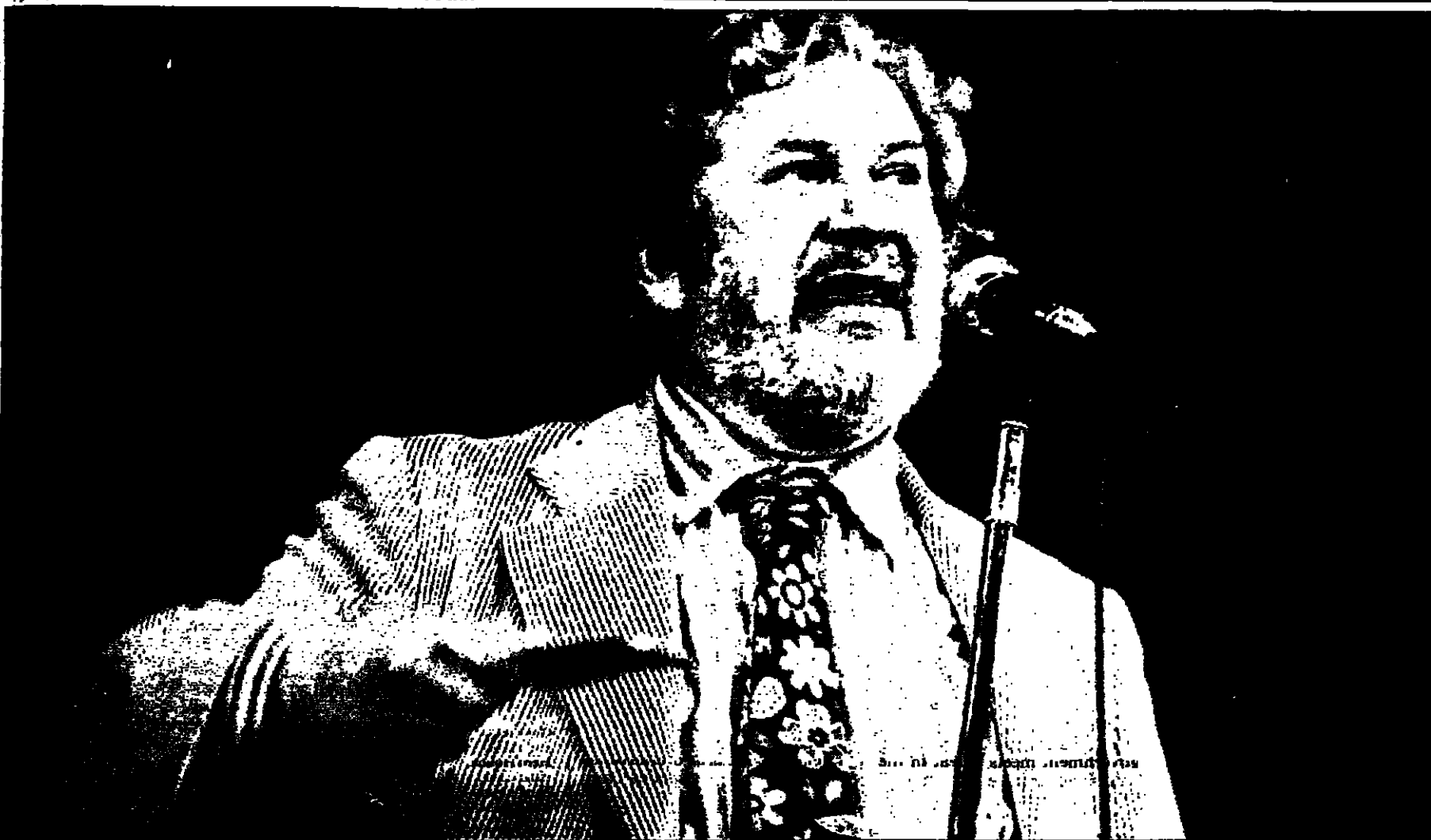
However, Fauss adds, "our intent is to move ahead unless something else in the implementation stage breaks down. As for the resettlement issue, if gross injustices were perceived, we would take another look."

Yet in Harsud, opposition seems to be deepening. The government proposes to shift the residents of Harsud to a site seven miles away and to replace their land. But land will be compensated at prices below the going market rate, farmers say.

And many residents say they just don't trust the government. They point to the state capital, Bhopal, about 100 miles north, where victims of the 1984 gas leak have yet to be compensated.

"The government has offered us land for land, and shops for shops, but we're sceptical," says Anil Bhandari, a farmer and brick worker. "I don't trust the government. It makes promises and then goes back on them."

(The Christian Science Monitor).



Peter Ustinov

## Ustinov, a man for all nations

His face makes him everyone's Dutch uncle

**P**ETER USTINOV, an Englishman of Russian ancestry, rarely gets to portray either Britons or Russians.

Other than those two exceptions, he is regularly cast in a veritable United Nations of characters, thanks in no small part to his marvellous ability with dialects and a face that makes him everyone's Dutch uncle.

But then, what can he expect? Ustinov lives in Switzerland and works all over the world.

He most recently played a nobleman in "The French Revolution," a monumental six-hours motion picture celebrating the 200th anniversary of Frances guillotine gala.

"I portray the Count of Mirabeau," Ustinov said, who unfortunately died before he can be beheaded, thereby robbing me of a longer part in the picture. He was a paradox. His emotional life was erratic and scabrous, but his political stance was unusual for the times. He was a militant and aggressive middle-of-the-roader who sought to establish a constitutional monarchy.

"I also recently finished an Italian film in which I play a drunken veterinarian who

gave up practicing medicine on humans. He drinks because he thinks it will help him get on the canine wavelength."

"He manages to teach 40 dogs to sing the chorus from 'Nobucco' by Verdi. I don't know the title of the film because the Italian producers keep changing it. Originally it was Dogs Paradise."

"It's in Italian and my dialogue was dubbed."

"I am destined to play foreigners, it seems. I did play Englishmen in Around the World in 80 Days, The Sundowners and Hot Millions a long time ago. Occasionally I play Americans — the old Jewish delicatessen man in A Storm in Summer."

"I don't look particularly like an Englishman, but then I'm rarely asked to play a Russian. I do remember the Chinese became upset when I was asked to play Charlie Chan. I also played a Chinese in One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing."

Ustinov sat back expansively in his chair in an office in Hollywood. He was atrociously dressed in a blue-green cord darcy suit, brown Brogans, a black-and-white hound's-tooth shirt and a day-glo lavender necktie.

"You have to be eye-catching these days," he said, denying being colour blind. Ustinov said he can manage the appearance of being foreign in any culture in which he finds himself.

"I play a Belgian in the Hercule Poirot detective films," he said. "At one point I played nothing but ancient Romans. I even played an old American in Logan's Run. It was depressing because he was 100 years old and the makeup man said it would take only 20 minutes to apply greasepaint to make me look that old."

"They gave me an Emmy for playing a Greek — Socrates. In Viva Max I was a Mexican general. Then I was an Italian-American in Angel Flew Over Brooklyn."

"I can speak Dutch, which makes it easy for me to play Dutchmen. They speak deeper in their throats than any race, which makes them sound as if they're speaking from a great distance."

"Germans? Of course. Mary, I played Beethoven in my own play in Berlin — in German. It was a great success."

"I was a Nazi in an English farce titled The Goose Stepped Out in 1941. And I was the Crown Prince of Bavaria in Lady L. I was cast as German psychiatrist in Ham-

mersmith Is Out."

"I was not overlooked by Scandinavia. I played the Norwegian Peer Gynt. However, I've never played and Indian, which I regret. I was a Polish spy in one film, but I've forgotten the title."

"I began my career in school playing a pig in a children's play. I wore a pig mask and the mistress wrote in her report that I was 'adequate' in the part. Not really an inspiration for an actor."

Ustinov is the author of two novels, an autobiography titled Dear Me, two collections of short stories, two books about Russia and currently a pair of novellas.

"Writing and acting are different disciplines," he said. "Acting, to my mind, is a sport. It makes you feel rather better than jogging does. Writing is more difficult. Not a sport at all."

Next on his agenda, hopefully, is The Man Who Loved Hitchcock, in which Ustinov would play the famed director involved with a criminal who commits crimes based on Hitchcock movies.

"Everybody loves the script, but nobody wants to put money into it," he sighed. "I would dearly love to play Hitchcock."

## Paloma scaling heights

Escapes from father's shadow

**B**EAUTIFUL Paloma Picasso has—at 40-year-old—escaped from her father's shadow. The woman, whose name means "dove," told me how she had finally flown, both as an artist and as a caring human being.

Today Paloma is world famous as designer of a stunning range of jewellery, and even has her own perfume, "Paloma". And, when she is not running her prosperous business, Paloma is fighting against the world's injustices.

The woman who was once known only as the daughter of one of the world's greatest artists now has achieved fame of her own. She has given her name to good causes which range from campaigning for Aids victims to backing an international human rights organisation.

Paloma, dressed in black and wearing her personally designed chunky gold jewellery and a red satin shawl, told me: "When I was growing up, I was constantly reminded that it was not who I was which was important, but whose daughter I was. Of course, I resented it."

"But now I think, 'Well, I am Paloma Picasso. I always have been, and I always will be, and so what?' You just have to look at what I do and form your own interpretation from that."

"I know now that the name of Picasso can help people, too. Picasso means dove, and I bear that name because my father designed the peace dove at around the time I was born. So I was always aware of that symbol. And, maybe, this made me aware of the problems in the world."

It was not until father Pablo died, aged 91, 16 years ago that Paloma began to blossom as an artist. But his shadow still fell across his life.

Paloma, staying at London's Claridges Hotel while jet-setting around the world to promote her products, told me: "When I first started designing jewellery for Tiffany, I was shocked when I learned that people were going around New York saying that all I had done was put my name to the range."

"I went mad. I said, 'This is a horrible country. What is wrong with these people? How dare they?'"

"But then I decided that, either I go and live in the desert, or I go into the public eye with my designs. Of course, I did the latter. I needed to be able to face people and not hide away from them."

"After all, I am proud of my father. I believe he is the greatest painter of this century."

"But I think people are beginning to accept me as Paloma now. Recently I saw an article in a magazine about me which reversed the normal process. It said, 'Pablo Picasso was her father. I thought that was going a bit far.'"

But Paloma unashamedly uses her name to help the world's oppressed.

She gazed at me with those intense jet-black eyes that are hauntingly similar to her father's, and said: "My work designing accessories and running the business with my husband, Rafael Lopez Sanchez, means that the time I can devote to other things is limited."

"But the name I have means I must fight against injustice, and to battle for peace."

"When you see injustices happening around you, you just want to do something. So now I lend my name to any group or campaign which is fighting prejudices. Often a famous name will help, where someone else couldn't."

"I also give my support to the International Federation for Human Rights. Of course, what we are fighting for — equal res-



Paloma Picasso on her wedding day with her husband, Argentinian author Raphael Lopez Sanchez in May, 1978.



Paloma in a relaxed mood.

pect for everyone — should be in every state declaration.

"I am not a lawyer, so I couldn't fight a case for someone to get out of jail. But I can help the lawyers who are fighting for those who are wrongly accused."

Paloma, who inherited an estimated £12 million from her father, has a poignant reason for lending her name to Aids charities. She declared: "One area where you can see that human rights are not protected is that of Aids. I have been aware of this for a while. Some friends of mine died of Aids, five or six years ago. Now people are beginning to have more awareness about the disease, which is good. But first of all, it was as if people with Aids were monsters. I have always thought stigma was stupid and unjust."

As she sat in her plush hotel room, eyes bright with crusading zeal, Paloma at last came round to the person who dominated her life for so long. Her father.

She said: "He was so prolific, and so brilliant that it is almost as if he were not human. He also knew how to handle his talent in a nice way — which is why I guess I'm a pretty sensible person."

But living, as a little girl, with a legend was far from easy. Her childhood, although happy, was turbulent. And, when Paloma was just four years old, she was whisked away from the family home in the South of France. Paloma's mother, artist Françoise Gilot, claimed to have had a tormented relationship with husband Pablo. So she took little Paloma off with her to Paris.

But, in spite of the domestic storms, Paloma remembers her

father as loving and caring.

Sher said: "He was certainly different. He never worried about things such as school grades. He would say, 'I left school at nine, who needs it?'"

"My father was not a pompous parent and he did intimidate me with his great fame. Looking back on it, I had an exciting childhood."

As well as being with my father, people like writer Jean Cocteau and composer Igor Stravinsky often used to pop in. The problem for me was the great pressure from people who told me I was going to become a painter like my father."

"My good fortune was that my mother was very tactful about this. I was always doodling as a child, houses, flowers, the usual thing. Her reaction was that all children paint, but it doesn't mean they will be painters. She said you don't know about painters until they are 14."

Paloma went on: "Of course at 14, panic sets in and I didn't paint for years. I started again by copying a painting of my father's or a Matisse he had on the wall. I thought he would approve, but he didn't."

"Never copy anyone else," he said. "Do the things that you are proud of."

And now, all these years later, Paloma has taken her father's advice. To great effect.

She and her Argentinian husband own and run a company selling their up-market products, including jewellery, sunglasses, china, crystal and cosmetics.

Pablo Picasso's own "little dove" is flying high.

## Anathema to Hollywood marriages

## Olivia Newton-John's husband happy with role

**O**NE of the most difficult roles one can play — whether he is an actor or anything else — is the part of husband to a celebrated actress.

It's OK if he is a celebrity himself — movie star, politician, sports figure, whatever. But the male ego, being what it is, usually does not allow him to suffer gladly being identified as Mr Husband.

Over the years in Hollywood, the union of famous woman and anonymous man has been anathema to most marriages, especially those in which the wife is a movie star and the husband is not.

Witness the trail of husbands left in the dust by Lana Turner and Elizabeth Taylor alone. Enough to overwhelm the Swiss Army. Even then, some of those husbands were famous or semi-celebrities.

One of the longest lasting star-non marriages is that of Olivia Newton-John and her younger (by 10 years or so) spouse Matt Lattanzi, an actor.

Newton-John, one of the biggest pop stars ever to emerge from Australia, is an international celebrity. Lattanzi is still struggling.

He met his wife-to-be nine years ago when he appeared in the movie Xanadu in which Newton-John starred.

Since then, and after their marriage, Lattanzi has appeared in "Rich and Famous", "Grease 2" and "My Tutor". He also was cast in "That's Life" and "Roxanne". Except for "My Tutor", none of his roles was large, but he was convincing enough to keep working.

Lattanzi recently took a step forward with the top role in the movie "Catch Me If You Can".

He is a hard man, energetic performer who is well-adjusted to his consort status, but nonetheless striving for recognition on his own.

"My part in 'Catch Me If You Can' is the first leading role I've had since 'My Tutor'," he said. "I had to take my clothes off in that picture and also in

"Rich and Famous".

"It was beginning to set a trend for me and I wanted to get away from that. No I read scripts carefully to see that there are no nude scenes for me."

Lattanzi always speaks of Newton-John in glowing, admiring tones, happy to be her husband. While he is rarely identified as Mr Newton-John, he does not become upset when people inevitably link him with his wife. Nor would he prefer she be known as Mrs Lattanzi.

"I've never given it any thought," he said. "I've always believed it proper that everyone knows her. I have regarded Olivia as sort of royalty. She has great dignity and she's very humble about her fame."

"So I automatically put her on her little throne. And so do a lot of other people. It's correct for her."

"Olivia goes to Australia every year, and I try to go with her. I didn't make it this year because I was working. So we were apart for a month, and that's very

difficult for me."

"My acting career is picking up now because I'm finally beginning to look a little older. I've had to fight my youthful appearance. I'm 30 and I'm still playing 18-year-olds. I've finished another movie, 'Diving In', playing a teen-age diving champion."

"Our daughter Chloe is 3-1/2 and she's so active she's aged me. I think a couple more children will make me look my real age, including gray hair."

Just as Newton-John branched out with a line of clothing shops, Lattanzi also is in business for himself. He has established a contracting firm.

"We're building quality custom homes," he said. "I'm even building a new home for Olivia, Chloe and me."

"I love acting, but my construction business is more lucrative. So I'm not going to play any more teenagers. It's not worth my time and energy."



## Liverpool blooming

# Landscaper with a cause

LENI Cruickshank runs a farm in a depressed area in the middle of Liverpool and breeds fish on a sewage site in the suburbs.

Now he is busy converting two derelict houses next to his city farm to make an environmental education centre — his next community training project.

Two years ago, Cruickshank, 44, a stocky, mixed race landscaper with a piratical moustache and a ready laugh, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to the community.

"Basically I just feel you've got to try to do something for people," says Cruickshank in the broad accent of this rough-edged but friendly port, scattered by urban decay and unemployment.

His vehicle is a company called Diggers, which does commercial landscaping as well as community projects. It is also affiliated to and supported by the British government's Employment Training Programme.

The Liverpool 8 garden farm is in a narrow street on the edge of Toxteth, notorious as the rundown home of many of the city's blacks and scene of rioting in 1981.

In an average-size urban garden Cruickshank and his team of eight paid staff grow vegetables and soft fruits, keep bees, tend geese and ducks and raise several rare breeds of chicken.

There is an aviary of budgerigars — "I wanted finches with quails on the ground, but it didn't work with the finches so I had to settle for budgies" — as well as rabbits and guinea pigs.

The farm offers training to children and adults in almost anything to do with landscaping and plant and animal care. School groups visit the farm and a mobile farm unit, housed in a caravan, goes out to schools.

It also offers a refuge from the shabby streets outside. "People just like to come in and look about," said Cruickshank. "In summer old ladies from the dis-

trict come in for a sit-down. Mothers leave kids while they go shopping — we're great child-minders."

In a suburb, Diggers lease a site on the edge of a sewage plant, breed carp in two giant fish tanks and give training in fish husbandry.

"We sell carp to ethnic groups who like it to eat. There are plenty of Chinese, Germans, Poles, Lithuanians who love carp," says Cruickshank.

"As we've got paved access to the tanks I started angling courses for the disabled. Wheelchairs can safely get right to the edge."

Grass around the fish tanks grows chest high. "It's amazing. We're snowed under with pheasants."

"And we've started a tree nursery. We've got a good willow coppice going. This brings birds into the area, and flies and larvae, which provide food for the fish."

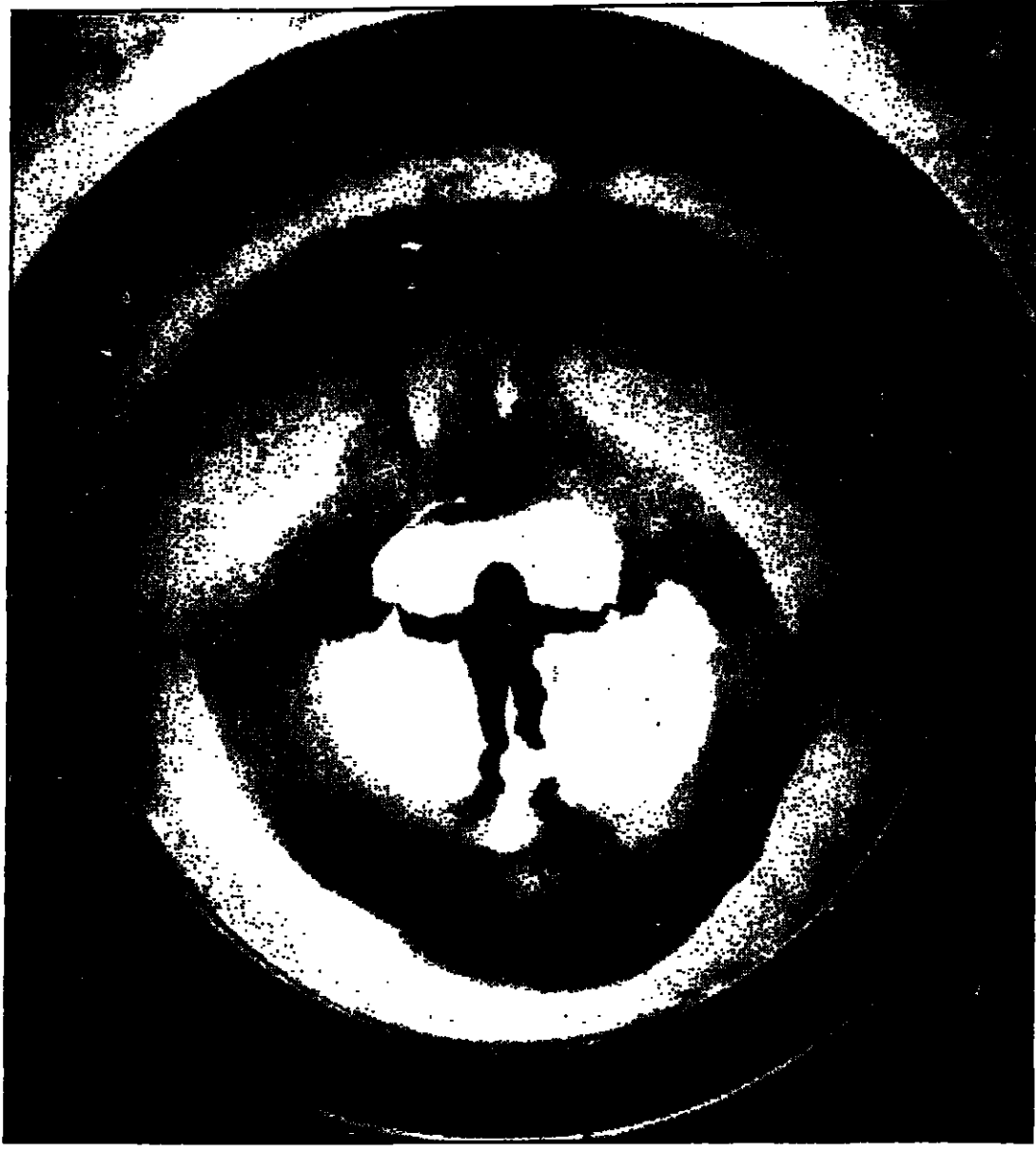
"We have a worm farm too. Worms are brilliant workers. They recycle any waste into pure compost. Seventy pounds (\$110) a ton, compost. And they make more worms — supplementary food for the carp, bait for fish-

Cruickshank insists that community self-help groups are doing as much for the revival of Liverpool as any official municipal campaign.

"We do a bit of campaigning in our own way, but we're not joining any bandwagon. We do things for ourselves."

Building work on his planned environmental education centre is near completion. The centre will feature a recreated farmhouse kitchen, spinning and weaving demonstrations and classes, a lecture room, a horticultural laboratory, computers and microphotography facilities.

The government's Merseyside task force, which controls funding for urban projects in the region, has put £160,000 sterling (\$425,000) into establishing the centre.



Obstacle course

A 30 foot long cylindrical metal slide offers a young child some adventure while climbing up through it. The slide is part of a children's obstacle course at a

zoo park in Newquay on England's southwest coast. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Body endurance

### Researchers study limits

SIX Indiana University researchers are trying to find ways to push the human body to its physical limits as they study a Bloomington cyclist who raced across America this summer.

Dave Tanner, a computer specialist for the university, biked 3,000 miles (4,800 km) in 10.5 days and slept an average of 1.5 hours each four times in this summer's race across America.

The cyclist consumed a daily average of 9,000 calories, which is four times the normal average intake for humans, said Joel Stager, director of the study and an assistant professor of physical education at Indiana.

Tanner also drank anywhere from 9 to 28 litres of water each full day of the race. "That's similar to drinking 27 to 84 cans of coke a day," Stager said.

The research team measured Tanner's calorie and water intake and took urine samples throughout the race. The researchers will use the samples to determine the amount of water and calories Tanner's body used during the competition. This technique will show the rate at which the cyclist used his energy, Stager said.

"It will give us valuable insight into the energy requirements for ultra-endurance athletes and the nutrition necessary to sustain their activities," he said.

The researchers will not have the urine tests processed until November, but the results should provide information on the outer limits of the human body's capabilities, said Jeffrey Edwards, research director of the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, located at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

The Tanner study is the first to measure energy expenditure in such a grueling competition as the team. Energy expenditure of marathon runners has been studied, but a marathon only lasts three hours. The team is similar in length to 80 marathons, Edwards said.

"We're doing a pilot study to get some numbers to quantify what's going on in the body during such extraordinary activities so down the line, we can have our efforts to identify the limiting factors on an athlete's performance," Edwards said.

The study may offer some clues as to why fatigue prevents a person from working at the same level of intensity over a long period of time and how to avoid

fatigue, Edwards said.

"It will allow people who do the next race to plan what they eat and drink more scientifically in order to perform better. The results may even have ramifications on other ultra-endurance events such as the Tour de France."

Alice Lindeman, a nutritionist involved with the study and assistant professor of applied health science at Indiana, said a well-planned diet for the race was important for riders. Some riders who eventually dropped out of the race ate many hamburgers and doughnuts on the journey. Their poor diet may have led to their poor performance, Lindeman said.

"Athletes have so much discipline when they train and when they ride. But they need that same discipline with their nutrition or they won't be reaching their full potential," she said.

Riders need readily available carbohydrates such as the sugars found in fruits, juices and milk, Lindeman said. Stager said riders need higher amounts of calories during the race in order to sustain their exercise.

Tanner never went an hour without eating. One day of the race, Tanner consumed 12,500 calories. That's about six times the amount most people normally need and is similar to eating 49 McDonald's hamburgers in one day, Stager said.

If Dave went just a few hours without eating, he'd be out of the race because his body continuously expends so much energy," Stager said.

The amount of water the ultra-endurance athlete drinks also affects performance, the IU professor said.

But Tanner said he sometimes had difficulty forcing himself to eat and drink during his 3,000-mile (4,800 km) trek, even though he knew he needed the extra calories and water. Tanner often rejected a specially formulated drink prepared for him during the race. The cyclist said he was experiencing taste fatigue on the last two days of the race.

"The last few days I was feeling shaky. My hands were so sore and I didn't feel it would be safe to take one hand off the handle bars to eat," he said.

Tanner also said he was lacking so much sleep that he had difficulty reasoning. Sometimes he didn't see the need to eat and drink so much, he said.

## Sony designers strive to keep in tune with times

AKIHIKO Amanuma, a Sony Corp. industrial engineer, spends every Wednesday afternoon combing New York's art museums and galleries — with his boss's blessing.

As the head of Sony's US design centre, where the exteriors of Sony consumer electronics destined for this market are crafted, Amanuma, 45, and his staff of 10 engineers and graphic designers get paid to be denizens of American culture.

"Wherever we go, the sole purpose is to help sharpen our creativity," he said.

Those who work in the facility, which Sony established

two decades ago, are charged with keeping a bead on the tastes of US consumers. The market is one of Sony's most important: some 30 per cent, or \$3.3 billion, of the Japanese giant's \$10.95 billion annual world-wide sales last year were derived in the United States, only Sony and Sharp Corp. have their own US design divisions. The others leave the designs to Tokyo engineers, citing cost efficiencies as the reason.

But Amanuma believes the relatively expensive undertaking of a separate US design centre is more than justified.

"Sitting far back in Tokyo office, it would be extremely difficult for designers to hit on new product ideas really

reflecting American consumer tastes," he said. "We should think globally but act locally."

Because of the uniformity in culture and language found in the US market, it is rather "easy to handle" compared to the European market with its myriad nations, said Amanuma, who previously ran a Sony design centre in West Germany.

Such was the case with "My First Sony," a line of children's cassette devices fashioned after Sony's popular walkman.

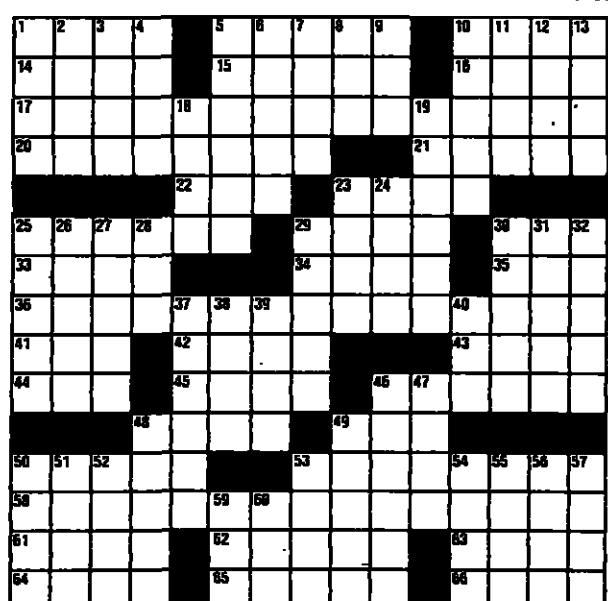
The products, which come in eye-catching red, blue and yellow, are constructed of high-impact plastic with protec-

tive rubber accents and claim the same quality found in other Sony audio products.

Amanuma was struck with the idea for the line when he had a chat with marketing people about how to sell \$10 tape recorders.

"One salesman said, 'only \$10 — even kids can buy it. It would be the first Sony for them,'" Amanuma recalled. "It was when the catchy phrase was voiced by the salesman that the new idea came to me. I knew by intuition that if it were my first Panasonic or my first RCA, it could not work. I felt My First Sony had a nicer ring."

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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ALAI PAROL LALO  
HISTORICAL NOVEL  
SETTLERS OSAGE  
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FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
LIRE SIRENS ALIES  
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ENERO MILLIONS  
BOTANICAL GARDEN  
ROAD VOLGA MINI  
ORINE ESTEE ANET

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
A WORLD OF BRIDGE FOR READERS

North-South vulnerable. East fully put in the seven, declarer played something that I naturally assumed could easily beat a mere seven, and I slammed down my queen of spades. I now led a club, which rode to South's jack. He ruffed his losing heart, led to the club ace, and played the ten and another spade, squeezing me in the minors — making six. Now, this was a fairly routine hand. I just ruffed my partner's good trick with my own natural trump trick, thereby endplaying myself into rectifying the count so I could be squeezed. And the dummy said, "Nice to play!"

There's a mixture of humor, theory, quizzes and interesting hands. You can't do better for five bucks!

The bidding:  
East South West North  
3 ♥ Dbl Pass 4 ♥  
Pass 6 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

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"Everybody makes errors at the bridge table. Some people make subtle errors. Not me. I make glaring errors. That way, at least, I don't have to worry about whether I might have operated differently. I know. If you don't believe me, look at this."

"This was matchpoints, and, as you can see, the opponents got a little carried away in the bidding. I led the ten of hearts, partner played the five and the ace won. Declarer, looking at about as many losers as winners, cashed the ace and king of trumps, and then belatedly led a heart from the table. Partner care-



"Shouldn't that read 'Found property'?"



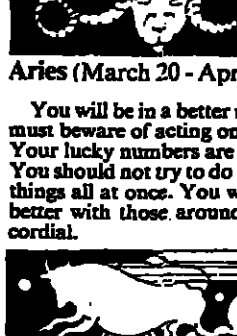
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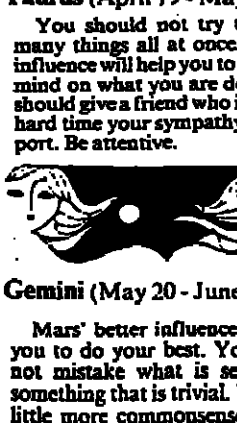
"And another thing — you have spelt my name wrong! It's M-O-N-A-I!"



"Can't the ironing wait, sweetheart?"



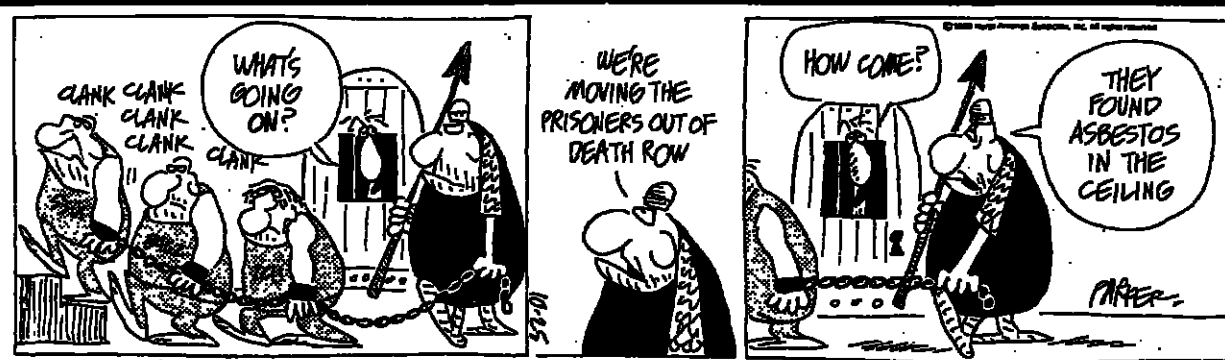
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### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



"TRY TO AVOID ANY DENTIST WHOSE FRAMED DIPLOMA IS SIGNED BY THE MARQUIS DE SADE."

### YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will be in a better mood but must beware of acting on impulse. Your lucky numbers are 3 and 42. You should not try to do too many things all at once. You will get on better with those around you. Be cordial.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

The general situation is just a little better for you. However, this is still no time to take gambles or to be extravagant. Try to keep your feet firmly on the ground. Be tolerant.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**

If you ask for too much for your services you may well end up without anything. Venus' better influence will help you to deal with a personal matter. Make sure your facts are up to date. Be magnanimous.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

The Moon's influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to take the initiative. You should try to spend a little more time with your friends. Do not do anything of which you might come to be ashamed. Be proud of yourself!

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You should not try to do too many things all at once. Jupiter's influence will help you to keep your mind on what you are doing. You should give a friend who is having a hard time your sympathy and support. Be attentive.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

You should not be quite so critical of others. Having examined why you are doing something wrong you will be able to remedy it. You should not allow them free rein. Be generous.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**

Make sure you do not leave any taps on or doors unlocked. You should have the courage of your convictions. Do not delay something that you know well should be done now. Be tactful.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity change you have made will show good results. Try not to let yourself become despondent or polite.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Mars' better influence will help you to do your best. You should not mistake what is serious for something that is trivial. Use just a little more commonsense. Be less trivial.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

No point in being angry with yourself just try not to make the same mistake again. You should not just hope for the best and you should make sure you do not break a promise. Do not expect too much from others. Be methodical.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

Venus' better influence will help you to deal with a personal problem. You should try to be a little more patient. Make sure you do not give way to a bout of extravagance. Be benevolent.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

You should take an opportunity to rekindle your enthusiasm. Mars' better influence will help to make up your mind. And you have done so you will be stuck to your decision. Be fair.











# Kuwait dominates

## Ziad takes first gold

KUWAIT'S athletes stole the show on the first of the athletics meeting of the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday by taking three gold medals, five silver and three bronze at the Keifan track.

Qatar was second overall with three gold, one silver, one bronze. Malaysia also had one gold while Bangladesh took one silver and two bronze medals. Oman was the only other country to take a medal with one bronze.

Kuwait started the competition with a bang, taking the first medal at stake — the 100 metres hurdles. Ziad Abdul Razak finished this event in 13.96 seconds to not only finish first but also break Kuwait's previous record of 14.00 seconds.

Kuwait also took the silver in this event with Abdullah Rashid finishing second in 14.39 seconds while Nasser Mohammed Ahmed of Qatar won the bronze.

Adnan Abbas of Kuwait was fourth in this event while Abdul Khaleeq of Bangladesh was fifth. Saad Moutaf of Qatar took the title of the Fastest Man of the Meet by winning the 100 metres in 10.46. His compatriot Jassim Bou Hakab took the silver while Bangladesh's Shah Jalal was third to give his country the first medal of the meet.

Kuwait's other runner in this event, Abdul Hamid Mousawi, took fourth place in this event while Shah Halim was fifth.

Shawki Abdullah clinched the second gold medal for Qatar by winning the 888 metres in one minute 54.03 seconds. Manzer Hussein of Bangladesh just held off Kuwait's Najam Mutlak to clinch the silver medal.

Kuwait's Ghanem Zaid Gohar gave his country the second gold by winning the javelin event with a throw of 69 metres, which was less than his personal best of 70 metres. Kuwait's record in this event is 71.98.

Hussein Abbas took the silver for Kuwait while Saeed Ben Hamad of Oman took the bronze.

Abdulla Srouf of Kuwait proved that he was best among the Islamic countries in the shot put by clinching the gold with a throw of 16.93 metres. He was far short of Kuwait's record which is 18.65.

Mahmoud Abel of Kuwait took second place with 16.60 while Kuwait's Hussain Al Saeed made it a clean sweep by clinching the bronze.

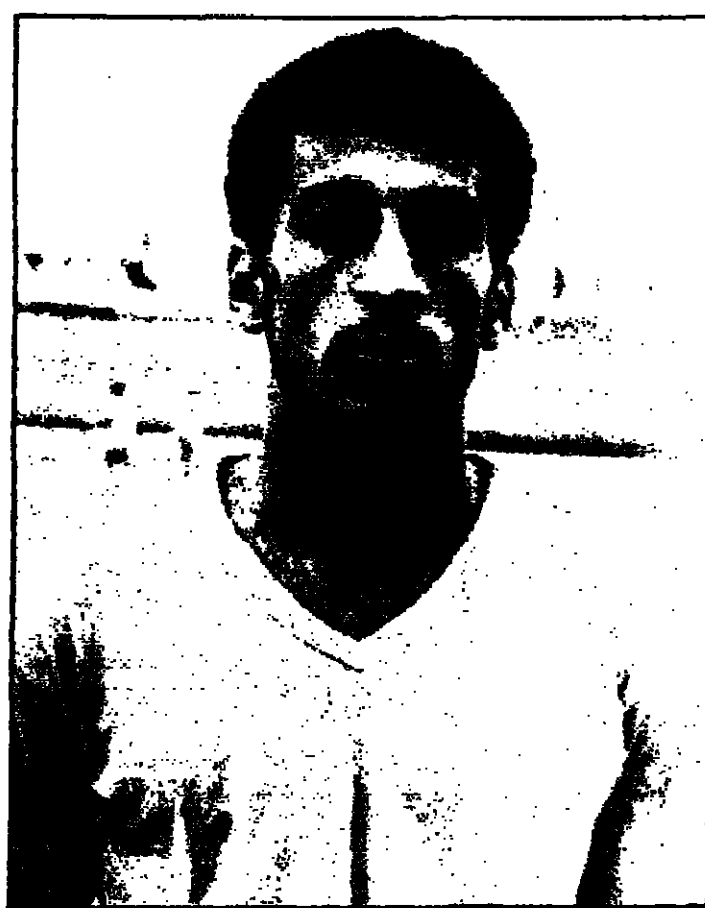
Malaysia won their gold in the triple jump. Mohammed Zaki Sadiri outshone his rivals with a jump of 15.75 metres to finish first. Kuwait's Marzouk made sure of getting the silver with an excellent jump of 15.47 while his compatriot Samah Al Farhan won the bronze. Bangladesh's Afzal Hussain finished in fourth place.

Qatar took its third gold of the meeting by winning the 4x400 metres relay race in three minutes 14.92 seconds. Kuwait was second in this event while Bangladesh finish third to clinch the bronze.

In the early heats of the various athletic competitions held in the morning, the 4x400 metres race witnessed the toughest competition. 10 countries participated in the heats and 8 countries reached the finals. The countries were: Bangladesh, which recorded the fastest time, Kuwait, Gambia, Oman, Qatar, Malaysia, Seirra Leone and Mauritania. Bangladesh team recorded 3 minutes and 23.01 seconds.

Qatari Jassim Bou Hakab clicked the best time of 10.58 seconds in the 100 metres heats. Two athletes from Kuwait, two from Bangladesh another Qatari, one from Malaysia and one from Gambia reached the finals. In the 800 metres, Kuwaiti Najem Mutlak scored the best time of 1 minute and 54.79 seconds in all the three heats held in the morning.

In today's programme, finals of 8 competitions will be held and athletes of the 16 participating countries will take part. Three finals will be held in the morning



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at 10.30 and the rest will start at 3.30 pm.

In the 400 hurdles race, Kuwait's Jassim Jamaan is tipped for the gold medal. A suspension order on him was lifted just before the Games started after Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed called for lifting penalties on players in all Games. But he will face tough competition from sprinters from Qatar, Bangladesh, and two others from Kuwait.

Waleed Al Bakheet of Kuwait is also tipped to win the gold medal in the hammer throw. The finals will be held in the morning. Other athletes taking part in the finals are two from Malaysia, two others from Kuwait, and one from Seirra Leone.

The long jump competition will be more difficult than other sections as many African athletes, specially Sudanese Ezuladin, are taking part. Four athletes are representing Kuwait in these finals besides one each from Oman, Chad, and Gabon.

Eleven athletes will compete for the 3,000 metres race finals. The two Djiboutian runners, Omar and Ali have the best times of 9 minutes 20 seconds and 9 minutes 18 seconds respectively. Others taking part include athletes from Oman, Maldives, Sudan, Seirra Leone, Kuwait, and Qatar.

The finals of the discus throw will be held in the morning. Five athletes are competing, three of them from Kuwait and one each from Malaysia and Seirra Leone. Kuwait's Mohammad Zankawi, who won a gold medal in Asian Games, is the favourite.

In the long jump category, Qatari Abdullah Al Shaib is tipped to win the gold. In the recently concluded Arab Athletics Championship held in Cairo, Zankawi won the bronze medal with a jump of 7.39 metres. Twelve athletes will participate in the preliminaries to be held in the morning and 8 of them will qualify for the evening finals.

The 400 metres race has attracted the largest number of competitors as 32 athletes from all the 16 countries will take part in the morning preliminaries. Four heats will be held and the first two of each heat will qualify to compete in the evening finals.

The Saudis will face tough competition from Kuwait in this group, which includes the Comoro Islands. But Kuwait, on the basis of its performance over the year, is expected to head this group and reach the semifinals.

Two teams from each group will qualify for the next stage.

head of the Palestinian Sports and Youth Council in Kuwait and included members of the POC.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed also attended the meeting. Sheikh Fahd introduced the Palestinian delegation to Samaranch and acquainted him of the fact that Palestine is a full member in the Olympic Council of Asia and actively participates in all sports events. Rashed handed Samaranch a message from the president of the State of Palestine, Yasser Arafat in which he called upon him to exert all his possible efforts to accept the Palestinian membership in the International Olympic Committee.

Arafat added in his message that this would allow Palestinian people to take part in all human sports activities like other nations.

The Palestinian delegation assured Samaranch the utmost care of all Palestinian sports institutions and its commitment to the Olympic principles. Samaranch on his part praised Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed's interests and his efforts in trying to secure the membership of Palestine in IOC.

The head of the Palestinian delegation praised the meeting and described it as "constructive and fruitful." He thanked Kuwait for the great efforts being made to make Palestine join the IOC. He praised Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for his efforts in this issue.

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## Platini leaves Kuwait

OFFICIALS and sportsmen taking part in the Games spent Sunday night at the Entertainment City. Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and senior officials and sportsmen attended a function performed by the TV troupe at the city theatre.

Special seats for families and ladies have been allocated at the Qadisiya volleyball hall, where all the volleyball matches will be played.

Michel Platini, manager of French soccer team, left Kuwait yesterday after attending the inaugural ceremony of the Games. Platini said that he wished to remain in Kuwait till the end of the Games competitions but he had to go back to France to supervise his team preparation for the last match of World Cup qualifying rounds.

Platini praised the inaugural ceremony expressing confidence that the Games are successful. He said he would return to Kuwait along with the French football team in full in January to enter a training camp. The French team will play three matches here, one of them against Kuwait national team.

The Niger delegation arrived in Kuwait last night to take part in the Games. The Niger players may take part in the athletics competitions if allowed by the organising committee as they have arrived late. On the other hand, Brunei which was supposed to take part in the soccer competition of the Games has officially apologised for not taking part in the Games.

Brunei was grouped in the first group of the soccer competition along with Kuwait, Uganda and Lebanon. The organising committee said that the competition will go as scheduled by excluding Brunei.

The heads of participating delegations of the Friendship and Peace Games yesterday lauded HH the Amir's initiative for assembling a large number of Islamic countries in such a huge sports gathering.

They unanimously agreed that such an initiative will have a great impact on the participating athletes, pointing to the enormous efforts exerted by Kuwait to ensure success of this sports festival.

They also stressed on the championship's noble goals and described it as an Islamic gathering that will serve the Islamic principles and solidarity.

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Amir receives Samaranch

HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah yesterday received in audience International Olympic Committee chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch, and heads of international associations participating in the first Peace and Friendship Games. The audience was attended by deputy chairman of the Higher Organising Committee and chairman of Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.



Friendly match

An action shot of a friendly handball match between Algeria and Mali yesterday.

## Newspaper praises initiative

KUWAIT, Oct. 31. (Kuna): Kuwaiti daily "Al Rai Al Aam" yesterday said that the patronage of HH the Amir of the Peace and Friendship Games held in Kuwait is an affirmation of this country's role in crystallising the unity of the Islamic world.

Kuwait's chairmanship of the fifth session of the Organisation of Islamic Conference "was effective and vital in all fields and it is not strange that the activities of the Peace and Friendship Games coincide with the Bulgarian-Turkish meetings, held through Kuwaiti mediation, to find a settlement to the two countries, dispute over the Muslim minority in Bulgaria," the paper said.

The Peace and Friendship Games, which opened here yesterday, groups youth from 45 Islamic countries.

The paper said that such meetings in Kuwait "boost the sisterly and friendly countries' confidence in the leading role played by Kuwait to remove differences between Arab and Islamic countries."

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## No change in IOC charter until 1990: Samaranch

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

THE president of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday that changes in the IOC's charter would definitely not take place before Sept 1990.

The IOC chief was speaking at a press conference held at the headquarters of the organising committee for the Peace and Friendship Games.

Samaranch said that every member of the Olympic movement had been asked for his opinion but no definitive answer could be given before the amendment draft was submitted and that would be next year.

The IOC chief has earlier been reported to have said that the disciplines in some sports need reducing and that the 25 sports at the Olympics were proving to be a burden.

Samaranch also congratulated Kuwait in successfully organising the Peace and Friendship Games. He said that preparations for such an event were not easy. He singled out the deputy organiser of the Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for the efforts that he had put in the organisation of the event.

Replying to a question by newsmen, Samaranch said that 1988 had been a very successful year for the Olympic movement. It had witnessed successes in both the Calgary Winter Games and the Seoul Summer Olympics.

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Samaranch (2nd right) with Sheikh Fahd (2nd left), Faisal Al Qanai (left), head of the press centre, and Mohammed Al Zamil, head of the information committee.

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He said that the Gulf countries are capable of organising huge

sports events and the success of the present Games is an evidence of that. But he said that he wishes to see an African country organising the Olympic Games because Africa is the only continent not to have organised them. "We are now watching the Egyptian organisation of the African Games in 1991. It may be an important step for Africa to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000 or maximum by 2004."

Samaranch also touched on the matter of membership for Palestine in the IOC. He said that the IOC was looking into the matter but did not elaborate.

Samaranch yesterday received at Kuwait International a delegation representing the Palestinian Olympic Committee headed by Fuad Rasheed, the



Samaranch cuts the ribbon.

## Olympic headquarters opened

KUWAIT Olympic Committee (KOC) chairman Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday inaugurated the new KOC headquarters located in Hawalli.

The opening ceremony was attended by the president of the federation of the International Football Association (Fifa), Joao Havelange, Jabra governor Sheikh Ali Abdullah Al Salem, members of the International Olympic Committee and president of Kuwaiti sports federation and clubs.

The new headquarters includes a six-storey building fully furnished to contain all sports associations, a hotel that can accommodate over 120 guests and a huge conference hall with facilities to provide instant translation into several languages.

It also contains two squash courts and an indoor swimming pool.



Sheikh Fahd (right) presents a gift to Samaranch.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## FIA confirms

PARIS, Oct 31, (Reuters): The International Automobile Federation (FIA) confirmed Frenchman Alain Prost as world drivers' champion today when its court of appeal upheld the disqualification of Brazil's Ayrton Senna from the Japanese Grand Prix. The court imposed a six-month suspended ban on the Brazilian and a fine of \$100,000 for dangerous driving in the race on Oct 22. FIA director general Jacques Sarrot told a press conference in Paris.

## Driver unscathed

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): A British stunt driver walked away unscathed after he crashed while breaking the world car-leap record, but his niece broke a leg running to help and his anxious father collapsed and was taken to hospital. Kevin Majors, 27, soared 245 feet (74.7 metres) off a ramp yesterday before his high-powered car somersaulted through the air and skidded to a halt on its roof.

## W. Indian batsman

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Oct 31, (Reuters): Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge will be ineligible for the Test series against England beginning in January if he fails to play in a regional tournament, a West Indies official said yesterday.

## World Cup

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): The 1991 rugby union World Cup will attract a world-wide television audience of one billion people, organisers said today. The Cup will be staged in Britain, Ireland and France.

## Masters tennis

NEW YORK, Oct 31, (AP): Brad Gilbert, the world's fifth-ranked tennis player and winner of five tournaments this year, is the first American to qualify for the Masters championships Nov 28-Dec 3 at Madison Square Garden.

## Maleeva wins

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct 31, (AP): Defending champion and top-seed Katerina Maleeva fought off a sluggish first set and rallied to defeat unseeded Tami Whitlinger, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 last night in the first round of the Virginia Slims of Indianapolis tennis tournament.

## Title bout

MILAN, Oct 31, (AP): American challenger Louie Matsumura arrived in Italy yesterday to fight a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title bout against Italian holder Maurizio Stecca.

RESULTS of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament (5th week) played at the Ramada Al Salam on Monday:

1. Dona Matery & Wojtek
  2. Gajjar & Dr Reddy
  3. Peter Harris & Tony
  4. Mrs Pereira & Mr D'Souza
  5. Ravi & Mukerjee
  6. Wardecki & Walkiewicz
- Next Monday's game will also be played at the Ramada Al Salam.

## Pakistan face final hurdle to cap remarkable run

NEW DELHI, Oct 31, (Reuters): Imran Khan's Pakistan will cap a remarkable three weeks of international one-day cricket if they beat West Indies in the final of the Nehru Cup tomorrow.

In the past 17 days they have played 10 matches in two separate tournaments, winning all four to lift the trophy in Sharjah and four out of six to reach tomorrow's final in

Calcutta. In the process they have travelled tens of thousands of kilometres and played frequently under the handicap of injuries to their leading players. Their continued success says a lot for their resilience and also the depth of their reserves of talent.

One of their two defeats in the Nehru Cup

was by England but the match was played the day after arriving in India following an exhausting 12-hour journey from Sharjah. Their second defeat has more significance — it came last Wednesday at the hands of their Cup final opponents at Calcutta's Eden Gardens stadium.

But set against that is the fact West Indies twice lost to Pakistan in Sharjah, beginning

one of their worst runs in the international one-day game when they lost five matches in succession. The failure of India to reach the final, beaten by West Indies yesterday, has tempered the occasion for the host nation, but some 60,000 people are still expected at Eden Gardens, such is the attraction on the sub-continent of limited overs cricket.

Words such as 'disgraceful', 'listless', and 'incompetent' were commonplace on the sports pages of Indian newspapers today in descriptions of India's eight-wicket semifinal defeat.

It was the second time in two years India had failed to reach the final of an international tournament played on their home ground and local disappointment has been

pronounced. In 1987 they fell to England in the semifinal of the World Cup. It is all the more galling that bitter rivals and neighbours Pakistan have outshone them and West Indies may be surprised tomorrow at the amount of support they receive from the always exuberant Indian fans.

Garrison blasts Murren  
Magers crushes Potter

WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Oct 31, (UPI): Third seed Zina Garrison needed just 46 minutes yesterday to register a 6-2, 6-1 first-round victory over 16-year-old amateur Patty Murren, who learned midway through her morning geometry class that she would be playing in the Virginia Slims of New England.

Murren lost in the final of the qualifier but was offered a berth in the 32-player draw when Gigi Fernandez withdrew due to injury from the \$300,000 event.

The teenager's high school principal told Murren about the tournament invitation and she arrived at the Worcester centrum two hours later with just the shorts and shirt she usually wore for practices and junior matches.

"I've never really worn a skirt," Murren said apologetically. "Someone gave me a skirt and then someone gave me a skirt. I don't even know who it was." Garrison, ranked fifth in the world, did not know Murren "so I was in the locker room just waiting to see her face." And she did not worry about devising a strategy. "I was just going to



Wearing space-like antennae atop their heads, Natalia Zvereva of the USSR (left), Sabatini (centre) and Pam Shriver of the United States take turns carving up a pumpkin in anticipation of Halloween. All of them are taking part in the Virginia Slims of England tourney. (Reuter wirephoto)

serve-and-volley and let her deal with me." Garrison stayed true to her intention, advancing on every short ball and forcing the teenager to attempt low-percentage passing shots.

In other opening-round matches, eighth seed Rosalyn Fair-

bank dispatched Marianne Werdel 7-5, 6-1. Florencia Labat downed Wendy White 7-5, 6-1. Bettina Bunge stopped Amy Schwartz 6-2, 6-4, and Anne Smith outlasted Elise Burgin 3-6, 7-6 (6-1), 6-1.

In evening matches, fourth seed Conchita Martinez rolled

past peanut Louie Harper 6-2, 6-0, and Gretchen Magers defeated Barbara Potter, 6-2, 6-1.

Murren is coached by Renee Richards, who played briefly on the women's circuit and is a former coach of Martina Navratilova.

During Murren's drive to Worcester with her mother, she wondered who her opponent would be, "and when I found it was Zina, I thought: 'It'll be over in a couple of minutes.'"

She said the biggest differences between amateur opponents and players of Garrison's calibre "is that they move so much, (they) move all over the court and they alter their shots. I found myself just hitting down the middle when I wanted to hit the corners."

Murren, admittedly nervous at the match's start, was pleased that despite her anxiousness, "I wasn't choking."

Navratilova is the top seed in this tournament while Gabriela Sabatini is the second seed. Both were scheduled to play their first-round matches this evening.

## Chang and Edberg in 2nd round

PARIS, Oct 31, (Reuters): French Open champion Michael Chang beat titleholder Amos Mansdorf in the first round of the \$1.26-million Paris Open tennis Grand Prix yesterday.

American Chang, youngest winner of a Grand Slam title when he won at Roland Garros at the age of 17 this year, had an easier than expected 6-3 6-2 win over Mansdorf at the world's richest indoor tournament.

The two players arrived on court at the Palais Omnisports with something in common. Neither had won a title since their victories in Paris.

Chang, adapting well to the fast indoor surface, survived one or two anxious moments when Mansdorf had break point for a 3-1 lead in the second set before speedily wrapping up the match.

"This is a different environment and a different surface to Roland Garros," he said. "It's going to be tougher. But I'm playing good tennis and I hope I can play better as each second goes by."

"You're forced to hit different shots. Everything is a lot faster and you have to think faster."

Chang will meet Frenchman Henri Leconte, who has beaten him in both their previous meetings, in the second round.

Two other seeds advanced to the last 16 on the opening day of the tournament. Sweden's Stefan Edberg beat Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 6-2 6-3 and American Aaron Krickstein beat Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-1 6-3.

Edberg, runner-up to Chang at Roland Garros and to Paris top seed Boris Becker at Wimbledon, was in promising form as he set out to salvage a year in which he has won just one title.

"It's not that I've had a bad year but it could have been a lot better," he said. "Anyway, there's still a lot to look forward to. Winning here in Paris or in Stockholm next week or in the Masters or Davis Cup would make up for it."



## World Series trophy

Most Valuable Player Dave Stewart of the Oakland Athletics (right) holds up the World Series baseball trophy with help from Rickey Henderson during a rally for the champions in Oakland, California, on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ballesteros spurns Tour

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Oct 31, (Reuters): Seve Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam have rejected membership of the US golf Tour next season while two other European stars are considering resigning, PGA commissioner Deane Beman said yesterday.

Beman told sponsors of the tour that Ballesteros, the Spaniard widely regarded as the best player in the world, and Woosnam of Britain had both have notified PGA officials that they would not accept membership of the tour next year.

He also said that Masters champion Nick Faldo and fellow-Briton Sandy Lyle, winner of the title in 1988, were believed to be considering spurning the US circuit.

"I think you should be fully aware that, although we have not been officially notified, we have heard rumours that Faldo and Lyle are strongly considering resigning their membership," he said.

West Germany's Bernhard Langer, Masters champion in 1985, is also reported to be doubtful to continue on the US Tour.

The PGA Tour last week rejected a plan to reduce the number of US events that foreigners must play each

season from 15 to 12.

Outlining the options available to Lyle, Faldo and Langer if they quit the US Tour next year, Beman said:

"They can sit out one year — play only in the Masters, US Open and the PGA — and then be eligible to rejoin the Tour at any time, or they can compete as a non-member. But if they do that, they cannot re-apply for membership for five years."



## Milan seek Real's downfall

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): Holders AC Milan aim to cast aside the gloom of wretched Italian League form and banish Real Madrid from the European Cup stage tomorrow.

Milan eclipsed Real in the semifinals last season and take the encouragement of a 2-0 lead into the second leg of their second round clash in Real's Bernabeu stadium, where they earned a 1-1 draw last April.

Marco van Basten, who made one goal and scored the other in the first leg, will spearhead the Milan attack but the onus is likely to be on the defence to cope with a lively Real side roared on by 90,000 fervent fans. Real, invincible in the first five seasons of the European Cup, hit deadly scoring form last Saturday when they slammed five

goals past Sevilla's Soviet World Cup goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev. Predatory striker Emilio Butragueno served a warning to Milan as he returned after three weeks out with an ankle injury to score in the 5-2 rout.

While League leaders Real exulted in victory, Milan endured the humiliation of a 1-0 defeat at lowly Ascoli which plunged them to eighth in the Italian First Division table.

They will be glad to welcome back Van Basten's Dutch compatriot Frank Rijkaard, who netted the opening first-leg goal but missed last Sunday's reverse because of an ankle injury. Ruud Gullit, who completes Milan's trio of Dutch European Championship heroes, is still out injured but is confident his colleagues will reach the last

eight. "Milan's a great team and they know how they must handle this one," he said.

UEFA Cup title-holders Napoli plan a belated celebration of Diego Maradona's 29th birthday by ousting Swiss visitors Werthgen after a goal-less draw in Switzerland.

Fellow Italians Juventus should be confident of joining them in Friday's UEFA Cup third round draw, having beaten Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 in the opening away leg.

Soviet midfielder Sergei Aleinikov is in sharp-shooting form, having scored the winner in the Turin side's last two matches.

## Kaosai keeps WBA crown

TOKYO, Oct 31, (AP): Champion Kaosai Galaxy of Thailand knocked out Japanese challenger Kenji Matsumura with a succession of lefts in the 12th round today, retaining his World Boxing Association junior bantamweight title.

Kaosai already had knocked Matsumura down in the third and eighth rounds, also with his powerful left punch.

The end for Matsumura came at 2 minutes, 56 seconds of the final round. He fell after two hard blows to the face, and American referee Rudy Battle stopped the fight.

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